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Barak favored to top today's Labor poll

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Most candidates said the pri-

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prove their chances.

A TIGHT race between Interior Minister Haim Ramon Weiss, Moshe Shahal, Hagai Meand Foreign Minister Ehud Barak for the No. 2 slot in the rom, and Dalia Itzik. Labor List behind Prime Minister Shimon Peres is expected to highlight today's party primaries.

Labor is expected to fire the opening shot in its election campaign tonight at its primaries' tabulating center at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds, with the slogan "A strong Israel with Peres."

According to unconfirmed reports, this slogan was the favorite among Labor's campaign staff. It will be published in newspaper ads from today on, along with other slogans, to gauge the public's reaction.

The most intense battle in Labor's primaries is being waged between Ramon and Barak. both of whom are determined to be elected No. 2 on Labor's list.

The tension between the two peaked last night with the release of a Rafi and Hanoch Smith poll on Channel 1's Mabat, grading Barak as second on the list, with Ramon third.

They are followed in the poll by Yossi Beilin, Uzi Baram, Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Avraham Shohat, Efraim Sneh, David Libai, Ori Orr, Ora Namir, Shevah

US urging Morocco's Hassan to visit Israel

DAVID MAKOVSKY

THE US has pledged to urge Morocco's King Hassan II to visit here shortly, Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan said yesterday. He denied such a visit aims to bolster Labor's clectoral prospects.

"[Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs Robert] Pelletreau said he would try his best to bring King Hassan here. We have not heard yet, but hope to get an answer in the next few days," Dayan said, adding he met with Pelletreau during President Bill Clinton's visit

especially Deputy Foreign Minister Eli Dayan and Prof. Shlomo Ben-Ami to the Knesset

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According to certain public Some 250,000 Labor Party opinion surveys, the first nine candidates on Labor's list are exmembers are expected to vote in the primaries today. in pected to be of Ashkenazi origin, 1,200 pnlling hnoths at 800 except for slot seven, which is locations throughout the counreserved for party secretary-gen-eral Nissim Zvilli, who was born Peres and most primary candi-

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dates plan to arrive for the vote in Tunis Iraqi-born Housing Minister count, where the slogan will be Binyamin Ben-Eliezer is ranked presented, probably together with a campaign jingle, in a me-No. 10 in the surveys.

The party leadership fears that an inadequate representation of Labor's campaign, which will officially begin only after the pri-Sephardi - especially Moroccan candidates will be detrimental to maries, will focus on convincing its election chances. voters of the strength and securi-

Lists of recommended candidates were also circulated by various bodies, such as the unions of the Israel Electric Corporation. Israel Aircraft Industries, Rafael, and Egged.

Ramon's name was excluded from the IAI list. Senior Labor activists in the Histadrut also threatened to "take revenge" on Ramon for "ruining" the Hista-drut by excluding him from the list of recommended candidates issued to thousands of Histadrut activists.

MK Gedalya Gal's name does Over the past few days, Peres not appear on the IEC list, beand other Labor ministers have cause he opposed the Electricity called on party activists and "vote contractors" to elect candidates of Sephardi origin, Labor list, Page 2

'CIA can't stop Libyan chemical weapons plant'

NEW YORK (Reuter) - Libya is building a facility described as the "world's largest underground chemical weapons plant" and the Central Intelligence Agency cannot stop it, a report in Time magazine said yesterday.

The plant is being built in the de of a mountain near the town of Tarbunan and only a direct nuclear hit on top of the mountain could destroy it, Time said, quoting CIA sources. Time reported the plant could be operational by 2000.

65% turnout for Meretz primaries MICHAL YUDELMAN

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THE votes in Meretz's primary election were still being counted late last night and final results were only expected before dawn this morning. Meretz is to present its new Knesset list at a press conference at 11 a.m. today.

The voter turnout was estimated at 65 percent, despite the stormy weather which Meretz leaders feared would deter many voters from venturing out to the polling stations.

Semior party sources predicted last night that Meretz's new Knesset list would be almost identical to its present one - with the exception of retiring Ministers Shulamit Aloni and Yair Tzaban - providing the party maintains at least 10 seats. Meretz's 205 polling booths

throughont the country closed at 10 p.m. and the votes were counted at Ramat Efal.

The counting took all night due to the complicated voting system, in which party members were required to vote for 30 candidates on three different lists - the Citizens Rights Movement, Mapam, and Shinni.

The primaries were further overshadowed by public opinion polls' predictions of a drastic drop of up to 50% in Meretz's power in the next Knesset.

Meretz chairman Environment Minister Yossi Sarid arrived at the counting center in Ramat Efal last night after voting at the party's branch on Brenner Street. He expressed optimism as to Meretz's results in the general elections, despite the pessimistic polls, because, "More than any



Meretz leader Yossi Sarid places his ballot during the party's primary vote yesterday. (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Cabinet approves Yatom

as new head of Mossad

DAVID MAKOVSKY

other party, Meretz has realized its platform and commitments to the public."

He was accompanied by his wife, Dorit, who had prepared the list of recommended candidates - and who brought Sarid's identity card, which he had forgotten at home. threat ends

"Don't you know that she is the one who tells me what to do?" Sarid joked with journalists at the polling station.

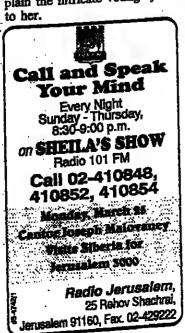
Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni, Meretz's former chairwoman who retired from the party a few weeks ago, came to cast her ballot at Mcretz's Herzliva branch.

She called on all party members to use their right to vote for the party's new leadership and Knesset members, expressing distaste for election "deals" of any sort.

Referring to Meretz's drop in the polls, Aloni noted that, when she headed the Meretz list in the last elections, the party got 12 mandates.

"But I believe Meretz will recover its strength," she said. The public will realize the need for a strong, fighting left-wing party which will serve as a compass for the public's conscience and for the principles we believe m.'

Although she, too, forgot to bring her identity card, after a brief consultation the election committee allowed Aloni to vote. The committee also had to explain the intricate voting system





extended until terror

Peres:

Closure

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres notified the cabinet yesterday that he is extending the closure as long as there are warnings of impending terror attacks and the Palestinian Authority has not tracked down wanted fugitives.

It is generally assumed that the closure will be maintained until at least after the elections.

Peres did announce, hnwever, that the closure will no longer extend to Palestinian fishermen. who fish off the Gaza coast. Peres also said food and medi-

cal products are now entering the Gaza Strip uninterruptedly. Environment Minister Yossi

Sarid said the closure should nnt be universally imposed, and Palestinian workers who have a long proven record of nonvinlence should be permitted in.

Only Hamas can benefit from a system of 70 percent unempinyment in the territories, Sarid said.

Western diplomats said that apart not being able to work in Israel. Palestinian unemployment in the territories has increased since Israel has reduced the amount of cement allowed into Gaza by 90 percent, paralyzing Gaza's construction industry. The amount of cement was reduced because it takes the IDF a long time to check every truck

entering the territories. Sarid also complained that sick Palestinians are denied entry for treatment.

"A thousand times I've raised the issue of medical treatment during a time of closure. A thousand times I was assured this was being taken care of, but nothing was being taken carc." Sarid declared.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said that it is precisely humanitarian provisions such as aiding the sick and enabling foodstuffs to enter the territories which are the best guarantee that the closure will not be shortterm, but a durable long-term policy evolving into separation, complete with borders.

THE Mossad came in from the cold yesterday, as the name of its new head, Maj.-Gen. Danny Yatom, was not only approved by the cabinet, but is now permitted to be made public.

The break in the taboo came in the aftermath of the Ha'aretz daily's decision to disregard censorship last week, which hanned publication of the head of the Mossad's name as a state secret. Ha'aretz said it is anachronistic for the Israeli public not to know his name, which has been published abroad and is known by Israel's enemies.

Yatnm, 51, who served 33 years in the IDF, is completing his assignment as military attache tn Prime Minister Shimon Peres (the same job he performed fnr his predecessor, Yitzhak Rahin). Yatom also served two stints as head nf the Central Command and was also head of the IDF Planning Branch.

Early in his career, he was a member of the General Staff's elite commando unit, Sayeret Maikal. In that capacity Yatom participated in the storming of a hijacked Sabena airliner in 1972, where hostages were freed. Both Foreign

Danny Yatom will take over the Mossad after 33 years of IDF service. (IDF Spokesman) Minister Ehud Barak and Likud leader MK Binyamin Netanyahu were in the unit at the time. Peres also broke with another

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traditinn recently by announcing the name of the new head of the General Security Service, former navy chief Ami Ayalon.

Israeli official to visit Pollard HILLEL KUTTLER

WASHINGTON

JONATHAN Pollard was due to receive his first visit from an Israeli official since being sentenced to life imprisonment for passing navy

documents in Israel a decade agn. At press time, an official of the consulate-general in Atlanta - Eitan Surkis-Almog – was en route to the federal prison in Butner, North Carolina, where Pollard is incarcerated. An embassy official said visits to Israeli inmates in the Diaspora are common before Pessah.

Pollard's lawyer, Larry Dub, recently approached Ambassador Itamar Rabinovich with the request, on the grounds that Pollard was

granted Israeli citizenship last year, the official said. A senior Clipton administration official said that President Bill

Clinton has no plans to grant clemency to Pollard. Lenn Panetta, White House chief of staff, said on CNN's Late Edition program that "our position on Pollard has not changed."

He said the Almog's visit to Pollard was arranged through prison officials, not the White House.

"I don't think it represents a change" in position, Panetta said.

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two weeks

Dayan denied a Hassan visit would be aimed at bolstering Labor with floating voters, even though he was reported to have said a few days ago such a visit should be held before the elections. It is believed Yitzhak Rabin attracted many voters of Moroccan origin in 1992.

"A visit by Hassan transcends politics," Dayan insisted. "Rather, it would be a sign of normalization with the Arabs, which is needed to save the peace process. We have to combine a fight against terrorism with greater normalization. I also told Pelletreau that leaders or government ministers from any Arab country should visit, nnt just Hassan. I told him [Egyptian President Hosni] Mubarak should also visit, as should his ministers."

"You can never stop anything like this," a US intelligence source said. "Yon only slow it down and bny time."



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Likud primary tomorrow

Likud primary a hopeless race

primary know they are in a hope-less race. The prospects of the

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MOST of the runners in the Likud

great majority of the candidates

are simply pitiful, regardless of their qualifications or the outlay

of money, energy, time, and imag-

Theirs was a difficult, crowded

race to begin with; but after

Even this is trimmed further if we

consider the two types of contests

Tuesday's party primaries to meet

with Jordanian Crown Prince

contestants to vie for.

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involved.

eling races are the nationwide ones, and it is from the hardy survivors of the national contest that new minis-ters can expect to be picked. The winners nationwide will be the major league, whereas the local contests will provide the Knesset's next batch of backbenchers.

Tsomet and Gesher were taken So let's get down to elementary aboard, there remains very little arithmetic. From the original 42 on the Likud list for all too many we subtract three slots right off, already won by the bloc's three If we accept the premise that the leaders - Binyamin Netanyahu, first 42 slots oo the Likud slate David Levy, and Rafael Eitan, in can be considered safe, and if we that order. Tsomet and Gesher will then subtract all the slots handed then each get six more slots. At over to the new partners and all this point we are left with 27 those reserved for specific sectors, Likud slots up for grabs. we find a minuscule remainder.

But while the Likud had reserved safe slots for women, new immigrants, minorities, and young candidates, the pacts with Tsomet and Gesher have pushed most of these slots beyond the category of a sure seat. Only two of

SARAH HONIG the women's slots remain safe. These slots are still contestable, but can only go to female candi-dates. They are not open to all, which leaves only 25 seats avail-

able to everyone. However, Netanyahu has already warned that there may be more tampeting with the slots, because of complaints by minorities and immigrants. After it's all over, the winners may find themselves even further back than they imagined. But before any more horrors. befall the beleaguered Likud candidates, mae of the remaining 25 seats go to regional races. This leaves a mere 16 seats in the nationwide contest, open to anyone from any sector or gender. Since there are 73 candidates in

the nationwide primary, there are bound to, be many disappointed contestants on Wednesday moming, including some of the Likud's

recent big-name acquisitions and members of the outgoing Knessel, who will fall by the wayside. These will be joined by many losers in the equally crowded

floated the Norwegian law balloon. He didn't say outright that he would adopt the notion of ministers resigning their parliamentary seats to make way for those down the line, rather that, should he win the premiership, he would give this option weighty consider-

By the end of this week these will be plenty of malcontented Likud activists and MKs who didn't make it. They could well become sources of dissonance just when the election campaign demands maximum harmony, striking very jarring notes about all those seats going to Tsomet and Gesher freeloaders. Sore losers could do the Likud much

harm on electioo eve. This is probably why Netanyahu

regional races.

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edly furning because it only found meeting. out about the meeting from the Netanyahu will begin Tuesday

by touring primary polling sta-tions. He will then be picked up at Ben-Gurion Airport by a plane sent from Jordan to ferry him to Akaba and return him. He will then resume touring the polling stations. Later, he will go to party headquarters to await the

results

Netanyaho has conferred with King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan several times, both before and after the signing of the peace ireaty. Yesterday, Netanyahu met with

MK David Levy again, this time to consider what role Levy would take in the election campaign. Netanyahu wants him to participate actively.

Labor's Jerusalem strongman allowed to run

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EVELYN GORDON and MICHAL YUDLEMAN

THE Supreme Court last night ruled that Labor's Jerusalem branch secretary, Haim Cohen. may run in the party primaries today, despite his cooviction for theft and bribery in 1981.

Prime Minister Shimoo Peres and Labor secretary-general Nissim Zvilli, who support Cohen's Knesset candidacy, were relieved at the ruling. They had considered putting off the elections in the Jerusalem district until it was handed down.

Cohen, Labor's strongman in

SARAH HONIG

lion price tag for the primaries. row. More than 170,000 party The payoff will be in the anticimembers will be eligible to pick from among 118 candidates, 73 in pated swift publication of results. nationwide races and, 45 in The polling stations will close at 10 p.m. and around midnight, the central computer terminal at

In addition to being the party's first primary - replacing the elec-Likud headquarters is expected to tion of septets hy the party central committee - it will also be the

system is used. Computer terminals will replace paper ballots, which had to be transported, watched, counted by hand, and then often recounted in a system which lent itself to numerous abuses and fraud

In 80 localities, the Likud will place 572 voting stations where the voter only needs to touch the computer screen, oo which the oame of the candidate of his choice appears. Each voter will be asked to select 20 names from among the 73 in the nationwide cootest and one from the regioo in which he resides.

THE Likud's first Knesset pri-

maries will begin at 7 a.m. tomor-

first time a computerized voting

regional ones.

attempts.

The computerized system accounts for half of the NIS 5 mil-

Levy's brother Maxim, MK David Magen, former ambassador to France Yehuda Lankri, former Likud MK Michael Kleiner, and Levy cronies Ya'acov Bardugo and Motti Mishani are expected to be selected. Several Druse Likud members

yesterday asked the Nazareth

Likud primary list

1. Binyamin Netanyahu 2. David Levy 3. Rafael Eitan 4. National list5. National list6. National list 7. National list 8. Tsomet 9. Gesher 10. National list 11. National list 12. National list 13. National list 14. Gesher 15. Tsomet 16. National list 17. National list 18. National list 19. National list (woman) 20. Tsomet 21. Gesher 22. National list 23. National list 24. National list 25. National list 26. Regional list 27. Regional list 28. Regional list 29. Regional list 30. Gesher 31. Tsomet 32. Regional list 33. National list (woman) 34. Regional list 35. Regional list 36. Tsomet 37. Gesher 38. National list 39. Regional list 40. Regional list 41. Gesher 42. Tsomet

present the party's new Knesset

Gesher also will decide upoo its candidates tomorrow. Its leader David Levy will convene 200 "Gesher founders" to elect the representatives to be inserted ooto the Likud slate.

Gesher. The minorities' candidate is to receive the 46th slot.

tioo against the primaries because the slot accorded to the minorities' representative had been moved down oo the list due to the agreements with Tsomet aod

District Court to issue an injunc-

Poll: United religious list would win 18-19 seats

A UNITED religious froot, comprising all the religious parties, would garner 18-19 seats, compared to the 16 they have now, according to a Geocartography Institute poll released yesterday.

The poll, commissioned by a group called Supporters of the United Religious Front, will be presented to the rabbinic leaders of the parties, who are tentatively scheduled to meet later this week, said David Bruckeotahl, the group's spokesman.

The survey, carried out Thursday among 766 people from all sectors of the population, asked: "If all the rabhis and leaders of the religious and baredi parties would today announce a united front and ask the public to vote for a large, united religious party, would you vote for that party instead of the party you intend to vote for in the elections?"

Some 15.4 percent said they would definitely vote for such a party, and another 6.4% said they would likely do so. could translate into 18-19 Knesset

scats." The idea of a united religious froot has been welcomed by much of the National Religious Party, by Agudat Yisrael's Council of

HERB KEINON

Aguda sources, however, say there is a large gap between pub-licly supporting the idea, so as not to appear against something as popular as "unity," and forcefully pushing the notion.

A second survey, going into more depth into how the religious public views such a united front. is scheduled to be released on

'Not right or left'

"Not right or left, we are with the leaders of the generation," begins Shas's new campaign song. "We will follow our teacher and rabbi, Rabbi Ovadia Yosef."

According to a Shas leader, the party has already planned several rallies, and its campaign will be "massive."

Shas will officially open its campaign next week with a convectioo io Jerusalem, inder the auspices of . Yosef, its spiritual leader, and Rabbi Yitzhak Kadouri.

The party's council of sages is expected to decide on its Knesset list during Pessah. Itim

union will come about. "Look at what happened in Aguda,"he said. Without any fanfare, the rabbis decided to replace Avraham Shapira with Meir Porosh. Just like that. If they are capable of a move like that, they can also

Porush was tabbed by Aguda on tained for the last two decades.

representative of the Gerer Hassidim took the top slot, followed by a representative of the Shlomei Emunim faction, and then Vishnitz. In an effort to do away with the factions in Aguda, the oew Gerer Rebbe, Rabbi Ya'acov Alter, decided to appoint Porush, a Shlomei Emunim representative, to the top position.

- the fourth seat is to be split

Akaba. The initiative for the meeting came from the Jordanians, and the invitation was issued to Netanyahu several weeks ago.

Under that balance of power, the

The polls have consistently giveo United Torah Judaism, made up, of Aguda and Degel Hatorah, four-seats in-the next election, meaning it will maintain its current strength. The first and third seats will go to Aguda, with the second seat to Degel and - if the current situation is maintained

Hassan and Jordanian Prime Jordanians yesterday. Minister Abdel Karim Kabariti in Likud sources, bowever, said there is no obligation for the party to seek Foreign Ministry permission for any meeting that does not break the law and that advance consultation could have resulted in Labor seeking to cancel the .



approve this type of unioo."

The Foreign Ministry is report-

Thursday to bead the United Torah Judaism list, representing a major change in Agudat Yisrael politics and changing the party's internal balance of power, carefully main-

As in the Labor Party, there are nationwide and local races. The more prestigious and far more gru-Netanyahu to meet Jordan's Hassan tomorrow LIKUD leader Binyamin Netanyahu will take a break from

Sages, and by Shas, which was the first to publicly back the idea in February. Only Degel Hatorah has been lukewarm to the idea.

Wednesday. The Aguda source said that there still is a chance that the

between them oo a rotation basis. Degel, however, is demanding parity, and no final agreement on a joint list has been signed.

Harel undecided whether to run on Third Way list

LIAT COLLINS

THE Third Way remains racked by uncertainty and tensioo following last Wednesday's selection of its list of Knesset candidates. Wheo the directorate met vesterday morning to discuss polling procedures, Yehuda Harel, elected No. 2 on the list, made only a hrief appearance and did not state his plans for the future.

Harel's threat last week not to run for the Knesset left the party reeling at a time when it was meant to be entering full gear for the elections. Harel, a founder member, is considered a major vote puller on the party's main issue: fighting possible withdraw-al from the Golan Heights. Harel has stopped short of saying he will not run, but told party activists: "I haven't decided whether to take part."

He is apparently considering resigning from the political race to concentrate on the struggle for the

THE first direct public hus service

from Eilat to Akaba is to begin today, with a fare of NIS 4.50, but

Akaba and back.

Steve Ain

Executive Vice President

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Golan Heights outside the Knesset. Harel is unhappy with the com-positioo of the list be has to run with. He promoted candidates such as Eli Malka and Alex Lubotsky, who failed to win realistic slots. He is also at odds with MK Emanuel Zissman, who reached the No.3

position despite the fact that the party's polling committee placed him seventh on its list of recommended candidates Zissman has demanded the voting procedures be inspected to

check whether in fact he or Harel should be in the second slot after party leader MK Avigdor Kahalani. Harel had 96 votes to Zissman's 93, hut the manner in which the final results were reached involved complicated calculations.

Kahalani is tryiog to defuse the tension, saying the voting is in the past and the party must move

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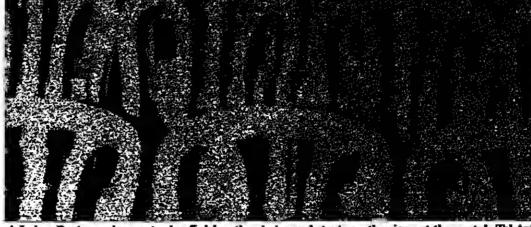
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at the botel area, the airport and

"There's a good a list: Yehuda in second place, Emanuel in third. And with this list we must look to the future," said Kahalani.

Party officials are playing down Zissman's suggestion of foul play in the polling booths. "Everything is stored away for safe keeping. If he wants to look at the voting slips, the safe will be opened up for him. He hasn't yet demanded to see it," one official said. Zissman said he had been "very

hurt" by his low position on the recommended list, given bis Knesset record. He said, however, he would oot consider resigning over the issue. "This isn't what's important. The Golan Heights, Jordan Valley, and Jerusalem are what matter. On these we have the same stand and the same aims. I'm sure we'll all be able to work together to achieve our commoo purpose."



A Labor Party worker yesterday finishes the chairs and starts on the signs at the party's Tel Aviv Fair Grounds primaries center. (flan Osecodryver/Isreel Sun)

Labor's primary list

for a woman 19: Tel Aviv district 1: Shimon Peres 2: National list 20: United Kibbutz Movement 3: National list 4: National list 5: district 21: National list 22: Dan National list 6: National list 7: Nissim Zvilli 8: National list9: district 23: Northern district 24: Reserved for a wnman 10: National list 25: Jerusalem dis-National list 11: National list 12: trict26: Moshavim district 27: National list 13: Central district National list 28: Southern district 29: New immigrant 30: Druse 31: Central district 32: Haifa dis-14: Sharoo-Shomron district 15: National list 16: Haifa district 17:

34: National list 35: Dan district 37: Reserved for a woman 38: Tel Aviv district 39: Jerusalem district 40: UKM district 41: National list42: Northern district 43: Southern district 44: National list 45: National list 46: Moshavim district Six slots are reserved for women, one in each 10, up to 44 on the list.

land, and realistically we would

expect to win about half of the

vote in the Arab sector and have a

bloc of between five or six MKs

important role in the new Knesset,

especially at this sensitive junc-

ture for the Arab minority in Israel, the Middle East in general,

and the Palestinian people in par-

rant the detective badge she wore

in the film along with the red suit

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"Such a bloc would play an

in the next Knesset.

ticular," he added.

Weaver.

the Jerusalem district and the party's prime "vote contractor," is running against MK Dalia Itzik and Tsali Reshef. His election to a realistic place on Labor's Knesset list is now considered certain.

Cohen was convicted of bribery for accepting paid vacations from various financial institutions from 1981-85, when he beaded the Jerusalem Municipality's unioo. He was acquitted by the Jerusalem District Court, but in 1993 the Supreme Court overturned the acquittal and convicted him.

A group of young Labor Party members called Tafnit '96 then asked the party tribunal to eject Cohen from Labor, or at least prevent him from running in the primaries. The petition was based oo a party rule that permits the court to expel someone convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. However, the party court rejected the petition. Tafnit '96 then appealed to the

Jerusalem District Court, which said the party court had no authority to rule that Cohen's crime did not involve moral turpitude.

Coben then appealed to the Supreme Court, denying his crime involved moral turpitude and noting it had been committed more A than 10 years ago. He also argued that the public, and not the courts, should decide in the primaries whether he should represent it.

Police blamed for Taibe soccer riot

The police are collecting videotapes of a Saturday soccer match in Taibe, during which shouts of "Death to the Jews" and cries of support for terrorist bomber Yihye Ayyash were heard.

Mayor Rafik Haj . Yihye blamed police insensitivity in arresting three fans for inciting the crowd and leading to violence. Police said three brothers were arrested. Thim

Jordanian succeeds in naming son 'Yitzhak Rabin'

A Jordanian man has won his battle to name his son after slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin to demonstrate support for the peace treaty, the Jordan Times said yesterday.

The newspaper said the boy had (... become the first Jordanian to carry the name of an Israeli leader, after the civil registration departmeot issued a birth certificate under the name Yitzhak Rabin,

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"I am extremely happy." Rajai Saced, the boy's father, said after succeeding in a quest that had drawn widespread opposition. Reuter

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Most of the passengers will also have to acquire a Jordanian visa, a matter of varying cost and difficulty. Israelis without foreign passports, who do not make their arrangements through a tour orga-

nizer, will apparently still have to arrange for their visas at the Jordanian Embassy in Tel Aviv, at a cost of close to \$50.

THE Israeli Islamic Movement yesterday decided to participate in the Knesset elections and to lead efforts to forge a united Arab list. The decision, which marks a major turning point in the history

early hours of the morning by its supreme body, the consultative committee. Negotiations with other politi-

cal parties and organizations in the Arab sector will begin soon, sources said.

is reported to have widespread grassroots support in the Arab sector, in the past has refrained from entering the national political arena, preferring to build up its position on the municipal level. Yesterday's decision, in

essence, means the movement is now set to belp create a new polit-

particular the newly-formed list headed by Dr. Ahmed Tibi's Arab

parties and personalities who would otherwise remain apart, in Movement for Change and the Arab Democratic Party of MK

Abdul Wahab Darawshe. Islamic Movement spokesman Ibrahim Sarsur said the movement would act as a catalyst to bring all

The Islamic Movement, which Arab parties, "old and new," into the same fold. He noted that having candidates from the movement head the list might make it easier for personalities from other groups or parties

to accept, thereby avoiding a potential dispute over who should hold the top position.

> to spend Oscar night in Israel formance as a police detective Hunter, who is traveling together with the movie's direc-

appeared at a loss for words. thrilled to be in Israel," she said.

searching for a serial killer in the tor, Jon Amiel, gave the restau-

At a dinner at Tel Aviv's Planet Hollywood restaurant, Hunter

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"I'm so, so, so, so honored and

Holly Hunter OSCAR-WINNING actress Holly Hunter won't be io Hollywood for the upcoming Academy Awards ceremooy. Instead, she will pick

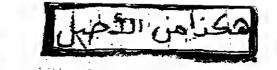
Max Blankstein up her next prize bere. Chairman I.R.C. Hunter, who arrived in Tel Aviv yesterday, will receive an Israeli acting prize this week for her per-

to pay a \$6 Jordanian crossing of the movement, was taken in the

Minorities district 18: Reserved trict 33: Sharon-Shomron district

Islamic Movement to run in elections DAVID RUDGE "We will find the right formula

to bring them together, and we ical entity in the Arab sector. It will do everything possible to aims to use its considerable politensure this will succeed. In fact, ical clout to help bring together we came to the conclusion that the chances of forging a united list were minimal unless the movement played a central role," said Sarsur. "We are not living in fantasy







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... The Jerusalem Post Monday, March 25, 1996

NEWS



Wolf Prize laureates gather at the Knesset for the 17th award ceremony of the Wolf Foundation, which Dr. Ricardo Wolf and Francisca Subirana-Wolf founded to promote science and art. President Ezer Weizman presented each winner with \$109,000 and a certificate. Among the winners are (from left) Samuel Danishefsky, US, chemistry; Gilbert Stork, US, chemistry; Gyorgy Ligeti, Germany, arts (music); Andrew Wiles, US, mathematics; Robert Langlands, US, mathematics; Morris Schnitzer; Canada, agriculture; and Stanly Prusiner, US, medicine. (Isaac Harari)

Egypt condemns closure

News agencies

CAIRO – Egypt yesterday con-demned the closure, saying that security concerns do not justify the lence could undermine Palestinian "repressive Israeli practices" that Authority President Yasser Arafat. have barred Palestinians from their He added that the suicide bombjobs and led to food shortages. ings were not sufficient reason for A Foreign Ministry statement such measures.

"The closure must stop and it must be lifted. The Palestinian Authority is already carrying out security measures. Israel's fear that some elements who can carry out violence may slip out is a different issue from starving people," Moussa said.

"We are against everything that may [harm] the economy and the situation of people in Gaza and the West Bank. The closure around the Palestinian people

ment. But as long as we have injuries, not enough is being done." Shahak handed out awards for the safest units. First place among regular units went to the air force,

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Hamas vows to attack Israel again

HAMAS vowed yesterday to attack Israel again, saying a crackdown on Palestinian Moslem militants after recent suicide bombings in Israel would not deter it.

Hamas also said Israel's moves to counter anti-peace attacks, including the collective punishment of Palestinians, hlowing up homes of suicide bombers, and the closure of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, could only breed more violence ahead of the May 29 elections in Israel.

"These policies are only creating more humiliation and bitterness ... and therefore, no one can guarantee there will be no operation before May 29," Hamas

One zone incident as troops remain on alert DAVID RUDGE

IDF and South Lebanese Army

troops remained on full alert in the

security zone and along the north-

Only one incident was reported:

Gunmen fired anti-tank missiles at

a SLA vehicle in the zone's east-

ern sector. There were no casual-

ties or damage and IDF gunners

Earlier, a news agency report

from Lebanon claimed that at

least four Hizballah gunmen had

been killed ou Saturday night hy

IDF tank and artillery fire near Roumane and Arab Salim villages

The IDF, however, denied any

knowledge of the incident, and

there was no confirmation of the

The relative calm that has

reigned since the last wave of

Hizballah attacks on Wednesday

report from any other source.

ern border yesterday.

returned fire.

porth of the zone.

News agencies

spokesman Ibrahim Ghosheh, a Jordanian, told Reuters in an interview in Amman. More than 1,500 activists and

supporters of Hamas and Islamic Jihad have been arrested after 58 people were killed in four suicide bomb attacks in Israel in February and March.

"Hamas remains committed to its strategic and basic program of resisting the Zionist occupation," Ghosheb said.

Meanwhile, the Associated Press reported that the Palestinian Authority yesterday asked Jordan to urge Israel to ease the elosure.

The state-run Petra News Agency said the request was made by Mahmmoud Abbas, a top negotiator with Israel, to Jordanian Prime Minister Abdul-Karim Kabariti "We asked for Jordan's help to

press the Israelis to alleviate the suffering of the people in the West Bank and Gaza," Abbas told Petra after talks with Kabariti.

It said Kabariti told Abbas that "collective punishment will hamper peace efforts in the region and will fuel sentiments of harred."

The closure has been estimated to cost the Palestinians \$6 million per day and has caused a severe shortage in basic foodstuffs and medical supplies.

NEWS IN BRIEF

New Islamic party head freed after questioning Palestinian security forces released the head of a new Islamic party, an offshoot of Hamas, a day after arresting him in connec tion with attacks against Israel, officials said yesterday. Fouad Nahhal, of the Islamic National Salvation Party (INSP), was arrested early on Saturday when he returned to his home from a meeting with Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat.

"He was questioned about his involvement in attacks since his name was mentiooed hy some Hamas activists during interrogations," a Palestinian security official said. He said security officials concluded Nabhal was not involved in the attacks. Reuter

Palestinian group claims last TA bombing

A hitherto unheard of group yesterday claimed responsibility for the March 4 suicide bomhing in Tel Aviv. The claim came in an Arabic language typewritten statement from a group calling itself Kataeh Jundullah-Liwa al-Jahil, or Squads of the Soldiers of God-Galilee Brigade.

The statement, delivered by hand to wire service bureaus in Beirut, identified the suicide bomber as Ahmed Kassem Yaklef, 23, of Samakh in pre-Israel Palestine.

The claim, which was accompanied by a color closeup photograph of the alleged bomber, could not be independently authen-

Orly Noah IDs husband as man who shot her Herzl Noah, accused of attempting to murder his estranged wife Orly by shooting her in the head and chest, was remanded until the end of legal proceedings by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday.

Orly Noah, recovering from serious injuries in Ra'anana's Beit Levinstein, was questioned last week hy police in the presence of doctors and a psychologist. She identified her husband as the man who shot her while she was at work in a Ramat Hasharoo leather goods store. She is expected to testify against Noah.Raine Marcus

American student indicted for murder Arvin Johnson; 25; an American studying af Haifa University, was charged yesterday by Haifa District Court with stabbing to death his former girlfriend, Ganit Tzinman, on February 24. Pister

The indictment stated that Johnsoo had decided to murder Tzinman after she ended their relationship in January and he unsuccessfully tried to change her mind. He is accused of premeditated murder, by stabbing her in the neck five times. Itim

Ministry prepares program to fight TB The Health Ministry has prepared a national program to fight tuberculosis, whose incidence is increasing here and around the world. The ministry announced the program for World TB Day, which was marked yesterday. Judy Siege

Judy Siegel

must stop and we will all work to prevent it from happening again," withdrawal from Hebron and its he added. Regarding the decisioo moves to counter anti-peace vioto delay the withdraw from 20-soldiers killed in accidents in '95

said Egypt is following "with

deep concern the repressive

Israeli practices against the

Palestinian people and its collec-

tive punishment of Palestinians,

which is against international law.

and practices and calls oo Israel to

The statement also said the

Foreign Minister Amr Moussa

restrictions are hurting the peace

told reporters late on Saturday

that Israel's decisioo to freeze its

year there were 515 accidents in

the IDF, resulting in the deaths of

workers at the Negev Nuclear

Research Center and the resi-

dents of nearby towns following

Channel 1's investigation into

According to the Second Look

program, more than 140 people

are suiog the Atomic Energy Commission for compensation

for cancer they claim was

caused by their work at the

country's nuclear research cen-

ters. "The Health Ministry car-

ried out a comprehensive survey

on the incidence of cancer

the center and nuclear reactor.

stop resorting to them."

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Egypt rejects such measures

LACK of discipline and aptitude is the main reason for training accidents in the IDF, Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Ampon Lipkin-Shahak said yesterday.

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN 20 soldiers; in 1994 there were 533, with 25 fatalities. Of last year's 159 training accidents,

Hehron, he said, "Israel's excuse for not pulling out of Hebron, because of the latest attacks, is incomprehensible. We are all against the obstruction of Israel's withdrawal from Hehron and we oppose a cosmetic pullout." The latest violence not only gives Israel an excuse to suspend

its pullout and the peace process hut also will also undermine Yasser Arafat, which is not in any-

one's interest," Moussa added. Yesterday, Moussa met with Sach Erakat, a member of the Palestinian Council, to discuss the situation in the territories.

"The Israeli government is conducting organized terrorism against the Palestinian people," Erakat told him. "It is continuing its collective punishment."

He added that the practices violate the Oslo accords.

has not belped bring visitors back to the North. - Bialik Belsky, owner of the Arizim Hotel in Metulla, said he has had many cancellations because of the situation.

"Around 90 percent of those who made bookings have canceled and about 50 percent have canceled bookings they had made

to' show the government's intentions of bolding onto even outlying areas of Jerusalem, such as the industrial zone.

Olmert

asks to ease

closure

BILL HUTMAN

JERUSALEM Mayor Ehud Olmert

yestertay called for easing the clo-sure to allow Palestmians to work

at factories in the city's Atarot

industrial zone; which is north of

the army checkpoint for the rest of

Ohnert told Deputy Chief of Staff Maj.-Gen.-Matan Vilna'i, whom he

accompanied oo a tour of points

along Jerusalem's border with the

administered territories, that many

Palestinian workers could be

" allowed in Atarot, just north of the

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according to Olment. Vilna'i of the first of comment on the pro-posal, saving only that it would be taken into consideration.

that would oot hurt security,

Meanwhile, Internal Security

Minister Moshe Shahal yesterday

inaugurated a central police garage

at Atarot, an act he said was meant

factories at Atarot are not operating

because of the closure.

the city.

Talks save jobs of **Beit She'an** workers

DAVID RUDGE

THE jobs of nearly 200 Beit She'an workers were saved by top-level talks at the Prime Minister's Office last night, following a morning solidarity strike which shut down the town.

The Prime Minister's Office announced that the talks had resulted in a formula that would enable the Beit She'an archeological site to be reopened to visitors as of today. Workers have closed the site since last week to protest the proposed

curbacks. In the talks between Histadrut officials and representatives of the workers and Zvi Alderoti, directorgeneral of the Prime Minister's Office, and other top officials, it was agreed to maintain the present format and number of workers at least until the end of the year, when

the matter will be discussed again. A statement issued after the talks said that any employee who wishes to tetire would receive severance pay, and that the accord had been reached with the full agreement of the workers who, as a result, will immediately cease their sanctions. Yesterday, demonstrators blocked all toads leading into Beit She an in the morning and burned tires. Police, out in force, tried to per-suade the workers to disperse peatefully. There were some scuffles until the roads were cleared, but · police refrained from using force to disperse the protesters. The on-off blockage of the roads continued, despite heavy morning rain until the workers, themselves dispersed to attend a rally outside city hall. The rally was addressed by MK David Levy (Gesher), a resident of Beit She'an, and MKs Shaul Amor and David Mena (both Likud). Levy

called on Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to find a solution that would enable the 180 people employed at the site to keep their jobs. "In the absence of any new facto-

ries, industries or other places being opened in Beit She'an - and there hasn't been a new factory here for ... 15 years - this is one of the main sources of employment in the town," said Pinni Kabbalo, head of the Beit She'an labor council.

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Speaking at the National Defense seven resulted in deaths; five in College, Shahak said the IDF had the air force and one each in the navy and ground forces. reduced the number of accidents in 1995 compared to the previous year. According to IDF figures, last

"There is a great improvement," Shahak said. "I think that 1995 was one of the best years regarding the scope of accidents and their treat-

Gaza Division won first place among operational field units and the Armored Corps School was awarded top place among training units. Military Intelligence won first place among support units.

AEC denies employees have higher risk of cancer

LIAT COLLINS

Atomic Energy Commission last night repeated its commitment to the safety of

added. results showed no difference between the NNRC workers and the general population in similar sectors. It also found no difference in the figures for cancer among NNRC employees working with radioactive material and those in administrative positions. The survey was rechecked

by an external specialist and found to be in order." AEC spokesman Yitzhak Lederman said. National Insurance The Institute recently broadened its

amoog NNRC workers. The criteria to recognize cancer as a Ramat Beit Shemesh for the Religious Public Your golden opportunity to buy a beautiful and spacious apartment in Ramat Beit Shemesh Sample prices: * 3 1/2 rooms * 4 1/2 rooms - from \$115,000 5 1/2 rooms - from \$115,000
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for Pessah. We had made special preparations for the holiday, which obviously cost a lot of money which it appears we woo't recoup," he said.

"The media coverage, especially on television, of the tension in south Lebanon has caused more damage to tourism in the North than the terrorists have ever done. Even when Katyushas fell on Nahariya, we never had so many cancellations," he said. "The problem is not just effect-

ing us or Metalla, but the whole of the tourism industry in the north." work-related disease for radia-tion workers at the NNRC, he



WORLD NEWS

Britain may slaughter herds to end 'mad-cow' disease

ALAN WHEATLEY LONDON

THE British government said yesterday that it might slaughter part of Britain's cattle herd 10 root out "mad cow" disease, as fast-food giant McDonald's underlined a public health crisis by banning beef from its 660 restaurants in Britain. Agriculture Minister Douglas Hogg gave the firmest indication yet that the government was pre-pared to take drastic action to repair a "grievous" hlow to confidence from scientific evidence of a new human strain of the deadly disease. "A slaughter policy is not excluded... Clearly that is a matter which we need to consider." Hogg told BBC television.

If a decision to slaughter was taken, older animals would be the focus because there have been very few cases of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy BSE, or mad cow disease in cattle over 30 months or in those born since the government banned offal in human foodstuffs in 1989, Hogg said.

"I certainly ant focusing on the question of the older cow ... I think that is the class of beast we should look at first."

Hogg was speaking after McDonald's, Britain's largest hurger chain, dealt a new blow to the country's £4 hillion (NIS 18.8 billion) beef industry already hit by slumping prices and an import ban hy dozens of countries by taking beef off its menu.

McDonald's, which feeds 1.8 million Britons every day, said it believed British beef was safe hut it could not disregard the growing unease of its customers.

"This is about public confidence, and I have to tell you that people are not feeling confident about British beef right now," Paul Preston, president of the British arm of the US-owned company, Jold Reuters.

McDonald's, which will have hurgers made of Dutch beef hack on sale beginning Thursday, imposed the ban without waiting for the outcome of a crucial weekend meeting of government scientists on the advice to give about the risks of eating beef.

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"We certainly will consider any proposals that come to us from sources which have clearly given the matter considerable consideration," Hogg said. Sir Richard Southwood, a leading expert on animal infection. recommended the slaughter of

Children line up for a lunch, including ostrich burgers, being offered by Avon Valley school in Rugby, central England.

more than one million cows about one tenth of the total herd born before 1990 to curb the risk of transmitting BSE to humans. Sunday

"Serious consideration ought to be given to destroying all canle born before 1990, when a lot of infected material was getting into lion).

cattle feed," Southwood, who headed the government's first inquiry into BSE, told the Mail on

(AP)

Estimates of the cost of slaughtering the entire cattle herd range as high as £20 billion (NIS 94 bil-

Iraqi opposition seeks unity to topple Saddam

DAMASCUS (Reuter) - Iraqi opposition leaders are planning two conferences in the Syrian capital next month to unify their ranks and agree a strategy to try to topple Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, opposition sources said yesterday.

They told Reuters that 11 opposition leaders representing the Islamic, Kurdish, national and democratic movements would meet on April 2 to prepare for a bigger conference, tentatively set nich 40 leaders

Kurdistan led by Jalat Talabani, the country, were not trusted and and the rival Democratic were not represented in the oppo-Kurdistan Party led hy Masoud Barzani.

. Jbouri, a member of Iraq's minority Sunni branch of the

Saddam Hussein.

sition. Now they will be represected." Ibouri said. "Until now the opposition did _ not to use arms against each other ... oot approve any agreement or incase they assume power and to -

Iraq holds elections in bid to help image

was a good example for the Iraqi opposition to follow.

We will propose a similar document in which all parties pledge

Hussein, a young woman who voted in the impov-

But the 250-seat parliament has no real power

and invariably backs Saddam, who makes all

erished Saddam City area of the capital.

opposition representative shelter and which gives him his travel documents will try to impose its

opposition leaders would attend the Damascus meeting includiog Wafik Samerai, former chief of Irac's intelligence, and Salah Omar Ali, former member of the Iraqi Revolutionary Command

peace treaty with China TAIWAN and China moved yes-terday to defuse their worst crisis in decades as the people of this island savored the joy of anoint-ing Lee Teng-hui the first directly elected leader in 5,000 years of

The Jerusalem Post Monday, March 25, 1996

Taiwan considers

Chinese history. Premier Lien Chan said Taipei was "seriously" considering signing a peace treaty with China, and wanted to start orgotiations immediately to pave the way for a bilateral summit

China, which said its intimidation "dealt a heavy blow" to independence advocates on the island, also made its own conciliatory remarks, proposing a summit between China's communist leaders and their rivals on Taiwan.

Beijing's angriest words were directed at the United States. which dispatched to waters near Taiwan the higgest naval taskforce seen in the region since the Vietnam War.

Lien, who was President Lee's running mate, told a small group of reporters: "As far as a peace agreement is concerned... we are

interested in thinking seriously about it and a lot of preparations need to be done for that." I tyrae In a goodwill gesture, China's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Shen Guofang, renewed al pearse overture to Taiwan, split from the

mainland since the end of the Chinese civil war in 1949: Diaten "The two sides should makine a high-level summit between their

leaders," he told Reuters, opening the door to possible talks with Lee, the man China has identified as its arch-enemy.

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As a carnival atmosphere swept Taiwan, the US congratulated President Lee Teng-hui for withing 54 percent of the vote on Schulday. Washington said it hoped the erisis would ease after the island's water-

shed presidential election. In recent weeks China has piled verbal and military pressure on Taiwan, including missile tests and maneuvers close to the island, to try to persuade the island's vot-ers to shun notions of and pendence. It regards Taiwan as

16 guards dead in Libya prison riot, 400 inmates escape

SALLOUM, Egypt (AP) - Sixteen guards were killed in a prisoo riot in Libya and at least 400 prisoners mostly anti-government soldlers or Islamic militants escaped, according to reports reaching Egypt yesterday.

Travelets from Lihya and Libyan opposition groups in Egypt said the riot took place last week at the prison at al-Kuwaifiya, which is about 20 kilometers northeast of the Mediterranean city of Benghazi.

Libyan army troops have beeo conducting searches for the escaped prisoners, many of whom are believed to have taken refuge in inland caves and mountains. The main coastal highway

between Benghazi and the eastern city Tubruk has been closed, the travelers said. They spoke on condition they not be named."

The prisoners are believed to be armed, and leaders of Libyan opposition groups in Egypt sug-gested they had received help from outside the prison. They, too, insisted on anonymity.

Some of those who escaped are believed to have been arrested for coup attempts, the opposition leaders said. One alleged attempt, which was never independently confirmed, apparently occurred last month, they said. The other was in 1994.

There was no immediate comment from the Lihyan government.

Russian convoy MOSCOW (Reuter) - Rebels attacked a Russian army convoy in the Chechen capital Grozny yesterday, killing one soldier and wounding

One dead in Chechen

rebel attack on

hosting them.

"The country which gives an

will have little ability to resist." Jbouri said he and other Sunni

for April 12, in w would take part.

Mashaan Jbouri, head of the Iraqi al-Watan (Nation) party, said in an interview that unlike previous meetings which failed to agree a joint stand, the April 12 conference "has good chances of success."

The conference will group the maio movements opposed to Saddam who have often been at odds with one another.

These include the Supreme Council of the Islamic Revolution in Iraq led by Mohammed Baker Hakim, the Patriotic Union of

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Many voters expressed the hope that a new parliament could help work toward a lifting of the comprehensive United Nations sanctions. "Ending the embargo is the most important thing

BAGHDAD (AP) Seeking to boost morale at home

and improve its image abroad, Iraq yesterday held

its first parliamentary elections since 1989 in bal-

loting restricted to candidates loyal to President

to us. We need food and medicine," said Karima

Moslem faith, said he believed there were several reasons behind the failure of the Iraqi opposition to form a strong force which could oust Saddam and take power in Iraq.

The Sunnis, who have been ruling Iraq for over 70 years and who have great influence within

brought the party to power. document to organize the opposition's activities and to serve as a reference if there was any dispute on any issue," he said.

He said the Taif agreement, which was signed by the Lebanese factions to end the civil war in 1990 and which was guaranteed by Syria and Saudi Arabia,

important decisions. All 689 candidates were approved in advance by ເວນກ ter. a government screening committee, and were either members of Saddam's Baath Party or independents who pledged their allegiance to the 1968 coup that

> allow the Iraqi people to decide the shape of their future government through free democratic choice," Jbouri said.

Jbouri said he did not think there were differences among the opposition factions but the problems were rather the result of the influence exerted by the countries

Jhouri welcomed this month's defection to Jordan of LL-Gen. Nizar Khazraji. former chief of staff of the Iraqi armed forces. saying his desertion was a blow to Saddam.

"Saddam thought that by killing his two sons-in-law no other person would dare to defect." he said. "We welcome Lieutenant

Khazraji and consider his defection as a positive sign because it will encourage others to defect and not to link their fate to that of Saddam," Jbouri said.

It quoted officials at Russia's military command in Grozny as saying the rebels had opened fire on the 10-vehicle convoy in the Zavodsky region of the city at around 2 p.m. and were repulsed when the Russians shot back. It gave no other details of the clash, but said about 200 to 300 armed rebels were thought to be still in Grozny.

Interfax and Itar-Tass news agencies reported yesterday morning that: six Russian servicemen had been killed and 20 wounded in clashes in. the previous 24 hours.

Interfax quoted an official at Russia's military command in Chechnya as saying the Russians were continuing to blockade rebel groups in western and southwestern Chechnya around the villages of Bamut, Samashki, Goyskoye and Komsomolskoye. Russian troops, seot to the southern region in December 1994 to try to

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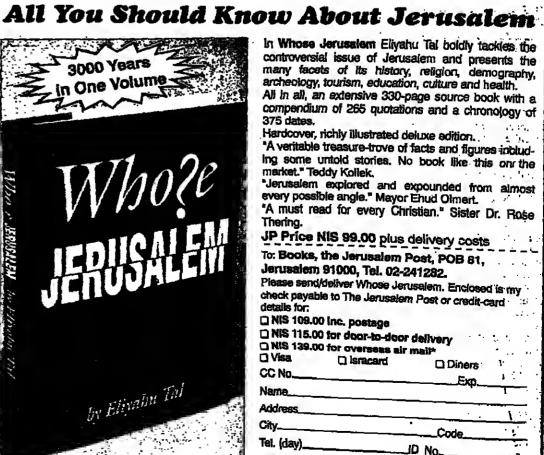
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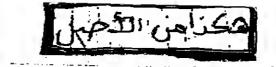
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"It's a different orchestra, and much younger. They seem more disciplined now. The winds and hrass are better, and the strings still have the same heautiful sound I remember from 18 years ago."

Zinman is making a rare detour from his well-worn Baltimore-Zurich travel route to guest conduct the IPO. The 60-year-old music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra sioce 1985 assumed the same position with Zurich's Tonhalle Orchestra at the beginning of this season. This leaves very little time for any other orchestra. He came here simply because

halls." "Avi [Shoshani, IPO secretary

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director.

Like the parent of two chil-

dren, Zinman shuns any public

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both are very enhusiastic and young enough that you can still mold them. They are not blase in

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"They are very different, yet

general) asked me and so I said, The financial situation in the US makes it unclear whether he will stay in Baltimore past his "It's nice to come hack and see current three-year contract. "I how Israel and the orchestra have changed and to express my will stay as long as they maintain solidarity with them. You must the orchestra in its current state." As a music director, Zinman realize that one does not come here for money, so it has to be for love," he said Friday after-noon after leading the IPO at the

often finds it difficult to get the conductors he wants to appear with his orchestras. "Finding really good guest conductors is getting harder and harder. The top ones are not guest conducting at all, and the middle-range conductors are also very busy these days. It's getting very complicated, so what you do is try and find people who will have a steady relationship with your orchestra and offer them two, three weeks each season."

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

This, he admits, is much easier in Zurich than in Baltimore. "In Zurich, we have a lot more money and it's much more central. In the US, it's much more difficult, as the conductors who do come prefer first to perform with the orchestras of New York, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles or Cleveland before they go to Baltimore."

The Zurich job is a kind of a reward after more than a decade of work, mostly io the US. "I lived a long time in Holland {as music director of the Netherlands Chamher Orchestra (1964-77), and the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra (1979-

1982)], so this is a return to Europe. Now I have the time to live there, but I don't know how long I'll be doing both orchestras.

As shown by his track record, Zinman definitely believes in lasting relationships between orchestras and their music direc-tors. "After 11 years in Baltimore I can say that's the only way. The work you have to do takes more than five years. By the time you get started, you usually leave, so you achieve nothing. It's at least 10 years before you really start accom-plishing something. Now in Baltimore we tour and record, we have a wonderful radio series, and the orchestra has got-

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to do the same in Zurich." Zinman has always been a champion of new music, but he ten better and better and I hope

Guest conductor David Zin-

man says the IPO has come a

long way since his last visit.

admits it is difficult to convince audiences. "In the US, they are a little more opeo minded, especially to new American music. But in Zurich it's much harder. There they want Brahms and Beethoven, and even Sihelius and Nielsen is new for them. So you have to think about your programs very carefully. I don't believe in a ghetto for new music; it all has to fit in with the overall programming."

In his current series of concerts with the IPO, Zinman accompanies Itzhak Perlman in two works which are not that familiar to local audiences - the Barber violin concerto and Bernstein's Serenade.

week in Brahms's First Serenade and will follow later this week with Elgar's Enigma Variations. He leads the IPO Wednesday. Thursday, Saturday and Sunday at the Mann Auditorium in Tel

"I suggested it to Menahem

because I love it. Although it's a

classic tale, it's a very Israeli

play because of Shlonsky's lan-

guage. "He ioveoted words, created a

language within a language that's very melodic, and Duhi

The current production is

modeled on the origioal that

director Yossi Izraeli mounted in

1965, "but we've added things

like cutouts and even more col-orful costumes," Vishinsky says.

He and Golan have been

friends ever since the day 40 years ago when Vishinsky answered an ad for child actors to appear in a musical of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* at the Tilon Theater

Golan wrote the adaptatioo

and the lyrics, one of which was

the song "Little Rascals," Golan

had forgotten the words, but

Vishi hadn't, "and when I sang it for him, Meoahem cried."

However, the choice of

Vishinsky to direct Utzli Gutzli has nothing to do with friend-ship, "hut because I'm good. Menahem is a friend to all

actors, but there are no favorites

when that curtain goes up at 8:30, Either you can hack it or

After the Tilon, Vishinsky

went on to play in an IDF enter-

tainment troupe and then into professional theater after his

Selzer's music helps."

in Tel Aviv.

you can't."

New director has Khan-do attitude HELEN KAYE

FIRA Henig dreams of "creating a theater in Jerusalem that people will come from Tel Aviv to see." She's speaking of the Khan Theater whose artistic director she has just become, replacing Eran Baniel who resigned last spring. She'll start officially in June hur she's working a dual track already.

There are artistic decisions to implement and the production of a play to complete, Richard Eyre's Ha Ha based on the book by Jennifer Dawson and translated into Hebrew by Eytan Blum.

Josephine, played by sioger Michal Yanai in her first dramatic role, is a patient in a mental hospital. There she meets the hyperactive Alasdair (Yossi Marshak). The two begin a tenuous friendship which is amputated abruptly when Alasdair is released.

It's then that Josephine must decide whether or not to retreat permanently into the fantasy world she has created as a huffer between herself and reality. "Ha Ha is the name Josephine

gives to the fence that she has put around that world. It's also the sound of laughter," says Henig. "You need humor to work on a play like this. It protects you, but you can only develop it after you understand it. That's the question the play raises, the very narrow line between sanity and insanity, and who or what gives society the

right to make those decisions." She sits with her actors around the table to discuss and analyze the play for as much as two weeks

hy Bertolt Brecht. Half the critics savaged it, hut Henig shrugged off the reviews hecause she enjoyed "creating Brecht's particular world during

graduated in theater from Seminar Hakibbutzim.

Her 1988 production of Peter Shaffer's Equus, about a boy who hlinds horses, won first prize at the international student festival in Moscow, and she was promptly

hailed as a prodigy. In 1989, aged 29, she went to Hahimah to direct Yosef Bar-Yosef's Gold and became an inhouse director the following year. Four years and seven plays later and three of those, The Night of the 20th, The Glass Menagerie and Pitzponnet and Anton were solid hits - Henig quit because "I felt

nowhere," Two more years of working free-lance in all of the country's rep theaters "made me realize that I needed a home and to have some influence. and that the time has come for me to say something, to take responsibility for a vision. Some years ago 1 was the wunderkind of the Israeli theater. I'm not a kid any more, but I still have that gleam in my eye."

That's why, after six months on a theater scholarship in the US - "I needed to get away, to refresh myself, and to think" - she decided to accept the challenge of running

the rehearsal process." Surefootedly she has gone her own way since Gary Bilu scooped her up to direct at the Bet Zvi drama school in 1986, the year she

that I was treading water, going



'Utzli Gutzli,' and Vishi too

HELEN KAYE

says Vishinsky happily, and his tired, red-rimmed eyes gleam. Once, he played soccer with Hapoel Tel Aviv in the afternoon and at 8:30, there he was onstage at the Cameri Theater which had hired him in 1967.

But soccer is a perilous sport, and young Vishinsky would often turn up bruised and limp-

ing. Ooe day, theo Cameri general Weicherg manager Yeshayahu Weioberg told him, "Soccer or theater. Choose!" Theater won, and now Vishi plays teonis with the same intensity he once devoted to soccer.

At 52, halding and a little stout, Vishinsky is no longer the handsome, intense young actor of his earlier pictures. But his smile remains as guileless, and his expression just a hit bemused.

Onstage he's often been the picture of cunning innocence, of naive roguery in role after role of the clever servant, from the great Shakespearean clowns Grumio io The Taming of the Shrew and Lancelot Gobbo in The Merchant of Venice, to the chief servant in Avraham Shlonsky's musical classic, Utzli Gutzli.

release from the army. The Six He's recreating the role of the Day War brought him home pellmell from the US, and after the chief servant for the current war, he was grabbed off the Menahem Golan production of Utzli Gutzli which opens at the street and hrought into the Tel Aviv Cinerama on April 4. Cameri. Vishinsky is also the director. A friend huttonholed him and The four previoos productions said, "Come upstairs. They need an actor." Vishiosky's Cameri of the musical were put on by the Cameri. dehut was in Noel Coward's Hay Urzli Gutzli is Shloosky's rhymed adaptation of Fever, directed hy Leonard Schach. Rumpelstiltskin, the story of the miller's daughter (Sharon Haziz) who rashly claims she Despite some lean years in the late 1980s when he was on the outs with the artistic managecan spio straw into gold, and of ment - "Let's oot go into that" the strange little being (Zachi Vishiosky is still at the Cameri, Noy) who helps her do it on the and currectly appearing as an Elvis clone in Cyprus. coodition that, if she doeso't guess his name, she'll give him Juggling out-of-town perforher first son. mances of Cyprus and rebearsals What kind of an agreement is of Utzli Gutzli accounts for the that, demands Vishinsky. "The red-rimmed eyes, hut Vishinsky is full of energy. The eochantmoral of the story is that yon don't make promises you don't ioteod to keep." But Utzli ment of a new generation of Utzli Gutzli kids is assured, "and Gutzli's moral underpinnings I still play singles [tennis]," he don't really interest Vishinsky says contentedly. that much.

He also led the orchestra last

Aviv.

Defore they ever ma stage. And she saves rehearsing the end of a play until near the end of the rehearsal process "because only then can the characters realize what's happening."

Henig tends to choose plays whose themes hover at the edges of normalcy or whose characters go over that edge, as in last summer's production of The Wedding

ing if oot flexible.

the Bulgarian Chamber Opera.

Characteristically, she intends to buck the current fashion of bigname stars in flashy productions. The Khan will be an ensemble theater performing fewer plays per season, and concentrating on original material and the classics.

"I'm not interested in competing," she says. "I plan for the long term.

break with host Whoopi Goldberg, as Oscar looks on. The extravaganza will be broadcast live from Los Angeles on the Movie Channel in the wee hours of the morning. (AP)

ied repertoire that does not stick entirely to the tried and tested

'Barber' takes a short cut from Bulgaria

her company makes its local N operatic soprano who once traveled to Cairo to debut. A once traveled to Cano to perform in a musical by a The raison d'etre of the

Bulgarian Chamber Opera is to Bulgarian jazz composer is nothtour as much as possible, bringing opera to smaller venues io It's a quality 37-year-old Maryana Pashalieva needs io Bulgaria aod ahroad. This is accomplished hy reducing the abundance to juggle her roles number of orchestra members to both as star performer and as a manageable touring size. recently appointed manager of

"We have a small orchestra of 26 hut all the other components Pashalieva is currently in Israel of the production are identical 10 singing the leading female role in those of any higger opera compa-Rossini's comic operatic masterpiece The Barber of Seville, as ny," she says.

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

and which on the whole enjoys As a manager, Pashalieva is an immense popularity io its homeland. "But when we do Rita very conscious of her goals for the company. "I try to be much hy Donizetti or Mavra hy more European. Before we used Stravinsky we do not always get to work very slowly, everything took a lot of time. Now I try to full houses," she admits. The soprano-cum-manager was born in Sofia hut now resides make everything much more with her family in Blagoevgrad, effective." she explains, clearly about an hour's drive from the influenced hy her current mancapital and the current home of agement studies at the English the 25-year-old BCO. "It's a Open University in Sofia. smaller city with a lot of nature

The BCO performs quite a var-

in it and I'm totally in love with

This is Pashalieva's first visit hereand she already has a very romantic notion about the country. "I think it's like I lived here before in another life," she says. "I feel myself at home in Israel, it's a very beautiful country."

The Bulgarian Chamber Opera performs The Barber of Seville tonight at Kihbutz Givat Brenner, tomorrow and Saturday at the Sherover Theater in Jerusalem and Thursday in Arad.

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Home-grown, imported acts mix at alternative rock fest

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T had to happen. The first local alternative rock festival, called the Yaron Yerushalmi Next Music Festival, or YYNext, will take place at the Suzanne Dellal Center in Tel Aviv, May 9 to 11.

"It'll be basically rock, but anything goes as long as it's interest-ing," says YYNext musical director and rocker Rami Fortis. Its aim is to provide a stage for both music and music makers. There'll be concerts by local and visiting artists as well as special sessions, lectures and demonstrations devoted to the industry aspect of

music making. The neo-'60s group Rockfour with help from Jeremy Kaplan and others will open the festival with "Back to Shablul" a salute to Arik Einstein and Shalom Hanoch whose joint 1969-70 albums, Shablul, Pozi and Plastelina, are

already classics. Other local performers include guitarist Assaf Amdurski; Jerusalem-based Divalt, a fouryear-old electronic rock band; Barry Sakharov in an acoustic guitar concert; and Next Intimi, a stage for new solo performers pre-

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senting new material. Foreign guests include Pete Hammill, poet and rocker from the UK: San Francisco singer Holly Penfield with her show. "Fragile Human Monster"; and guitarist Lee Ranaldo of the alter-

native group Sonic Youth. Other events will feature DJ Mad Professor, the dub, rap and hip-hop expert, lan Ritchie, a noted British producer: and Jean Louis Brossard, artistic director of France's Trans Musicale festival. Festivals of this kind have been held abroad for years. Locally, the aim is to promote experimentation, new combos and new artists. as well as to showcase current

achievements, Fortis explains. The NIS 500,000 hudget has come in part from the Yerushalmi family, which has extended its arts philanthropy to music for the first ume.

Ticket prices will range from NIS 15 for Next Intimi, to NIS 65 for shows hy local performers to NIS 90 for those by foreign artists. Some performances will be at the Cinerama and Allenby Cinema.

Calling all alumni: Kibbutz Dance troupe to celebrate its 25th year Also planned are a traveling

he Kibbutz Dance Company will celebrate the start of its 25th year with a reunion of all its dancers, and a gala performance in Nahariya on March 30 of Rami Be'eri's full-length ballet, Aide Memoire.

"In Nahariya?" asked an outraged dance correspondent who seemed to have trouble believing anywhere else but Tel Aviv exisied_ But KDC artistic director Yehudit Arnon is composedly equal to the challenge.

Nahariya is our home hase." she answers. "Most of our audience come from the region and we owe them our allegiance and respect.

KDC has come a long way since its beginning in 1970. Then, five dancers met once a week. Today, thanks to its resident choreographer Rami Beleri, KDC has become a signature company with

HELEN KAYE

creativity within the company an international reputation to rival two works by company dancers which will also premiere at that of Ohad Naharin's Batsheva Dance company. Karmiel.

The KDC, which is hased io Kibbutz Ga'aton close to Israel's northern border, today numbers 19 dancers, only half of them kibbutzniks. "Opening the company to Israeli and foreign dancers has been artistically healthy," avers Be'eri, who has created 18 dances for KDC since his debut Sonatina

in 1983. KDC appears annually at the Karmiel Dance Festival with a new work by Be'eri, and this year will be no exception. Be'eri is also preparing a full-length ballet for the 1997 Israel Festival.

Viloszny all alone with top prize for monodrama

mance in A Jew in Darkness at the 1996 Love Story Needs an End. TheaterNetto Festival, which ended last week.

A ctor Shmuel Viloszny won the Nissim Azikri prize, worth NIS 10,000, for his solo perfor-Messinger for, respectively, Where's Ruthi? and A Helen Kaye

says.

Brazil.

The 25th anniversary year will includes tours to Turkey, South

ny," Rudolf points out, referring to the 35-member Young KDC which performs youth concerts.

"They have to be paid as well," he

this year is NIS 9.2 million of which 49% comes from the ACA. "We also have a junior compa-

Korea, Poland, Spain, Italy and

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No to a defense pact

RIME Minister Shimon Peres's effort to persuade the US administration to sign a defense treaty with Israel, preferably before the Knesset elections, is decidedly not a felicitous development.

President Bill Clinton is reported to have told Peres on the way to Israel from Sharm e-Sheikh on Air Force One that signing such a treaty at this time "is premature." It was a polite rejection whose meaning was made clear by former US ambassador to Israel Samuel Lewis, who has served as head of the State Department's policy planning department under Clinton. "Only the peace process eases the contradictory pulls between the US relationship with Israel and US ties with the Arabs," Lewis told The Jerusalem Post last week.

Eager to keep its ties with the Arabs, the US would like to see an Israel the Arah regimes can live with. This entails at the very least an Israeli withdrawal to the 1949 armistice lines on all fronts, and the establishment of a Palestinian state with half of Jerusalem as its capital. There is no Arah leader today, nor anyone on the horizon, who will accept less than that. And now, for the first time since 1967, there is an Israeli government apparently willing to accommodate these demands.

But calling the progression toward such an outcome a "peace process" is no more than an accepted diplomatic euphemism. A more accurate description would be a unilateral Israeli withdrawal to wbat Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak calls "Israel's natural size," in exchange for Arab recognition of Israel's legitimacy. Clearly, such recognition is not tantamount to lasting peace, nor is it likely to affect the terror war against Israel.

To its credit, the US has been honest about its goals, adhering to them consistently ever since proposing the Rogers plan in 1969. While all administrations have been more or less friendly to Israel, for domestic reasons if nothing else, and while Clinton has been a dedicated friend on a personal level,-the-US-clearly does not believe it can foster its relations with the Arab regimes unless it keeps prodding Israel to withdraw.

And if Washington now seems amenable to considering a defense treaty with Israel, it is only because the PLO and Syria seem willing to to compensate for the sacrifice of strategie assets which a "comprehensive settlement" would entail. But there is an internal contradiction in this reasoning. If the Middle East is really new and transformed, as the architects of the Oslo agreement maintain, and Israel and its neighbors can join in a federation like the European Union, American protection is superfluous. Holland does not need a defense pact with the US to protect it from Belgium.

In fact, it is donbtful whether Peres would have pursued such a pact had the recent terrorist incidents not cast such a heavy shadow over the Oslo agreement. Overnight, these bomhings changed the Labor Party's election slogans from "peace in our time," as Peres put it last week, to "a atrong Israel with Peres," and "separation."

That separation from Palestinians is impossihle in this country should be a given. There are about a million Arabs in Israel, including 150,000 in Jerusalem, who mostly identify with the Palestinians. The creation of a Palestinian state within walking distance of Israeli Arab towns and villages - even if there is an electrooie fence, guard dogs, and bunkers along the whole horder (hardly commensurate with "peace") - will make this identification stronger. No defense treaty with the US can solve problems of irredentism, nor can it protect Israel from terrorism. At best it can act as a deterrent against a non-conventional attack by a distant enemy like Iran.

But the henefit of such a deterrence is hardly worth the price in Israeli independence. To surrender Israel's freedom of action to a foreign power, no matter how friendly, mocks Zionism and defies common sense. This does not mean that Israel should oot form alliances. But to bind itself to a defense pact with the US is to let American considerations determine its actions.

This is why the whole Israeli defense establishment is opposed to soch a pact. Eveo oow, as one oewspaper reports, officers oo the Lebanese-front complain that, "It seems we have to_ get permission from Clinton every time we want to act against Hizbullah." A defense pact. will turn the IDF into a proxy of the US, able to act only on a green light from Washington. And since there can be oo time in which Israel's interests and American interests completely jibe, conflicts between the two governments are bound to be endless. Nor can Israel maintain its greatest claim to American friendship: that it has never asked American soldiers to shed blood in its defense. And perhaps worst of all, it will confirm in Arab minds what they have always suspected: that Israel is no more than an arm of Western imperialism. Surely, that is not the way to integrate in the region.

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Sir, - Professor Gabi Sheffer ("Last step," March 10) urges the

prime minister to resume his status

as a "transformative leader" and

make an "open declaration of Isra-

el's acceptance of a Palestinian

state," claiming that its establish-

ment "will solve the problem of

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Professor Sheffer's lectures teach-

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'No alternative to peace'

sraeli officials say they are relinquishing the West Bank and Gaza as part of a peace process in which Yasser Arafat and the Palestinians must fulfill their side of the bargain. Israeli forces, however, withdraw from one area after another despite the Arab side's failure to live up to its promises.

Is there logic behind this perplex-ing policy? There is: the logic of umilateral withdrawal. Though public pronouncements of Israeli officials emphasize peace and mutuality, unilateralism actually drives Jewish state " Israeli actions. In other words, there is an important gap between declared and actual policy. the PLO, or annexation of the ter-

When Israeli officials talk of separation rather than peace, they signal that the "peace process" is more in the nature of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal than a twosided bargain.

In late 1993, government officials promised that if the PLO couldn't prevent terrorism, Israel would halt or reverse its withdrawal from the territories.

At the end of 1994, following Arab inhabitants (i.e., a binational several terrorist bombings in the state). heart of Israel, prime minister Yitzhak Rabin did not do this, hut established government committees to look into methods to separate Israel from the territories with fences, walls, bypass roadways and the like. If the PLO could not preed the picture to make those who vent terrorism, he made clear, israel would withdraw anyway, while experimenting with new ways to divorce itself from the Arabs. Peace, of course, is different from divorce; indeed, in essential respects, divorce is the opposite of peace. Yet, Israeli officials switch back and forth between talk of conciliation and talk of constructing walls, as though it were all the same idea. It matters that the word "peace" is misapplied, because treating the PLO as a partner in peace implies a different assessment of risks than does an essentially unilateral withdrawal premised on continued hostility and conflict. Withdrawals that may resolve the conflict require different analysis from those that simply change the lines from which Israel will have to continue to fight against hostile neighbors.

DOUGLAS J. FEITH ate with the PLO or facilitate creform.

> THE resonant slogan that "Israel has no 'alternative to peace" deserves attention.

"Peace" in its customary meaning requires two sides. Israel's Jews and more than 3 million Palestinians... and a state smaller in area, but which would be a Jewish state. We chose to be a Rabin implied Israel had only eventually cease to exist. two choices, his negotiations with

Israelis who repeat this idealisticsounding slogan probably do not intend to say this, but that is the logic of their words. The slogan signals to Israel's antagonists that they can, if steadfast, wear down the Jewish state; and if they draw this conclusion, the slogan of "no alternative" actually diminishes the chances for mutual accommodation.

In short, Israel is less likely to win peace if its leaders proclaim that the country has no alternative

state). But no israeli political party certainly not the Labid, proposed a binational state. None advocated to peace in debates about peace policies, Labor, government, supporters 'invariably ask critics: If you oppose the present course, what, annexation of the territories with citizeoship for the Arab inhabi-. then, is your solution? tants. Government leaders distort-

But this challenge begs the question. Istael cannot have peace simbecause its citizens desire it Peace not being within Israelis' sole control, they cannot identify a solution irrespective of circumstances on the Arab side. Before peace is possible, Palestinian Arabs must develop both peaceable intentions and political institutions that have credibility and authority. If these factors are missing, peace with the Palestinians will not be available, no matter how forthcoming Israeli policy might be. Israel cannot compel good faith on the Arab side, nor can it ensure mature political leadership there.

THE image that will remain from the spectacle the Likud staged last Tuesday at its Central Committee meeting will be of Benny Begin standing alone in a rancous crowd holding up his yellow card in a vote against the Likud-Gesher-Tsomet merge

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A little earlier Begin had used the rhetorical talents inherited from his father to mock David Levy'a "principles" and movement and attack the merger.

Begin was apparently the only Likud member standing for election in this week's primaries with the guts to spoil Binyamin Netanyahu's public demonstra-tion of "unity." Several others known to agree with him kept silent. The few rank-and-file members who dared join him were jeered by the crowd.

It wasn't democracy at its best - but when the end justifies the means, who cares about democracy? The goal, as we all know, is to send Labor and its partners back into opposition and halt the Oslo process

But last week's show left a bitter taste, even among the rightwing camp - and it is more likely than not to boomerang.

Despite what some polls have indicated, the new alignment is likely to receive fewer seats in the 14th Knesset than it would were the three parties to run separately. Why? First, because many Tsomet voters in the last elections were either Labor-oriented hawks who found Labor's positions and list too dovish, or young people attracted hy Tsomet's stand on human rights, clean government, and against religious coercion. .

None of these are likely Likud voters, and while the former might now vote for the Third Way, the latter could opt for Meretz.

Secondly, many of Gesher's potential voters are now likely to vote for Shas on ethnic grounds, while those foolish enough to take Levy's social platform seriously will probably look elsewhere.

The whole exercise has left the Likud's image badly tarnished. Netanyahu paid an exhorbitant price for the merger. Many devoted Likudniks who had hoped for realistic places on the Likud list will now be left off it.

The alignment is expected to n at least 44-45 set take the 36 seats today command-

ed hy the Likud, Tsomet and

demned not only Likud support-ers, hut also all those faithful to Labor's own 1992 election plat-

ation of a Palestinian state, Rabin replied that Israel had "no alternative," explaining: "We bad to choose between the Greater Land of Israel, which means a binational state whose populations would comprise, as of today, 4.5 million.

having no alternative to peace implies Israel cannot survive without peace. This means Israel cannot survive without Arab consent, which means that, should Israel's neighbors withhold or revoke that consent, Israel will

recognize Israel within the 1949 armistice lines, and Israel seems willing to withdraw to these lines.

But the eagemess of an Israeli prime minister to consummate such an agreement is puzzling. True, David Ben-Gurion toyed with the idea of a defense pact with the US, but that was when Israel was weak and the fear of Soviet military intervention ever-present.

With the collapse of the Soviet empire, the only reason for seeking such a treaty would be

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER AND DEFENSE MINISTER

Sir, - Unfortunately, the apprehension expressed in your editorial of March 8, "A shocking remark," as to whether Arafal's slaged interview with the terrorist Abu Warda betrays "a basic lack of understanding of the Israeli public's intelligence," is very welt taken. Arafat certainly has cause for this assessment if one is to judge by the Israeli government's understanding of the public's intelligence.

Responding to the reporters after the interview with this disgusting cog in the Hamas terror machine. not only did the prime minister embrace Abu Warda's viewpoint concerning the political purpose of the attacks, but when asked why the government had not acted much earlier to root out the planners of the suicide bomhers, the defense minister had the temerity to take refuge in this dreg of humanity's statement that it was only four weeks since the planning began. This, despite all of the warning of the security services during the last six months that Ramallah was becoming the hub of such Hamas activities.

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Sir. - In view of the recent series of barbaric terrarist suicide attacks, it is high time for the Israeli government to seriously consider issuing the following ultimatum to the Hamas and all other terrorist Palestinian-Arab organizations:

1. From now on, any act of terrorism commined against Israelis will be punished by executing members (and/or collaborators) of the terrorist organization already captured or to be captured.

2. The number of the terrorists to be executed will equal (or be douhle) the number of victims inflicted on the Israeli side. The identity of the executed will be determined by raffle.

EZRA H. SHIRAZI Jerusalem.

Sir, - The BBC World TV Program The World Today featured a reasonably objective report by Lyse Doucet on the situation in Israel the Israel's prime minister makes a political decision allowing the shipment of goods from Gaza to Israel, day after the bomb attack in Tel but its defense minister doesn't take Aviv. However, once again the BBC steps to ensure that the transshipdisplayed its notorious bias in favor ment point is adequately protected of the Arabs. It showed the sealing

against leuorist infiltration. The prime minister tells us that there are hundreds, perhaps thousands of Jews ready to kill him and the defense minister tells us that there are only a few cells of Hamas extremists killing hundreds and maiming thousands of Jews. The prime minister tells us that there have never been any political restraints on the defense forces in fighting terrorism and the defense minister didn't issue and even now hesitates to issue the orders unleashing those forces.

In any normal parliamentary democracy, the ruling party in embarrassment and fear of the wrath of the voters would have asked the prime minister and the defense minister to resign. It is small wonder then that Arafat and his lieutenants have reached their view of the Israeli public's intelligence. N. SARNAT Jerusalem (New York),

> THE SPIRIT OF COMPROMISE

Sir, - During the coming few weeks and months, there will be a great challenge to those who believe in the peace process to hold on to it, no maner what. Those who are reevaluating their support for the peace process must remember that the alternative is more of what is precisely making them re-evaluate, except without hope for an end in sieht.

Let us encourage all parties in try and accommodate one another through the peace process and hope that time will prove that the Canadian way of compromise is better than a total victory for one party or another. MONZER ZIMMO Ottawa.

When reminded of his 1992 campaign promises not to negoti-

opposed their dealings with PLO appear fanatical and, of all things, un-Zionist.

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Nor did Israel have to choose between Rabin's two options; it had at least one more.

In the years between 1967 and 1993, Israel neither relinquished the territories por annexed them either embraced the PLO, nor granted the Arab inhabitants citizenship. Rather, it controlled the territories pending agreement with an appropriate Arah party. That policy was compatible both with Labor's wish to trade the territory for peace, and with the Likud's wish to grant autonomy hut not sovereignty to the Arabs there. Labeling those against handing

over the territories to the PLO as enemies of peace and diluters of Israel's Jewish character showed just how swiftly and completely government officials had broken with the past. They thereby con-

Fear of the single woman

ANN HUTCHINGS

don't know exactly what l expected when I came to Israel four years ago for an extended Rivka, Paul and their four kids, stay. I had visited twice before, and everyone had seemed so were the only ones who would warm and friendly. I arrived with a Christian tour have anything to do with me. 1 bahysat for free. 1 knew they

group sponsored by a Christian organization here. The director knew my father, a Christian minister. The group leader, a representative of the organization, told me to visit the office; they might have some volunteer work.

Although he had seen me with the tour group, the office manager looked at me angrily. "Who are you?" he demanded. "Why are you here? What do you want?"

When I explained who had sent me, be replied gruffly, "Ynu can fill out a form if you want."

I went to a church attended hy people from this same organization and also received a less-thanwarm welcome. I have never returned.

1 later found out that many single Christian women who work with Christian organizations here have affairs with Israeli men, tarnishing the organizations' image. 1 guess they thought I would do the same. They felt threatened.

Jews also viewed me with suspicion. When they asked why I was here, 1 said, "I love Israel and 1 want to do something for the country." They would respond politely, hut I could tell they were thinking. Yeah, hut why is she really here?"

My neighbors in Jerusalem.

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sent my father'a organization, the

Christians I meet are very nice to

me, but I'm no longer interested.

Instead of being absorbed into the

Christian community like I had

expected, 1 have been absorbed

into the Jewish one.

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What does my experience say

about Christians and Jews? I'm

But I think we can show enough

love and acceptance toward those

among us who aren't exactly like

us so we don't isolate them to the

point that we drive them from

their social and religious commu-

nities. Once that happens to some-

one, he or she is lost to that com-

Christians and Jews seem to do

very well at accepting those out-side their faiths; they both need to

learn to accept those within.

Gesher - 29 belonging to the Likud, five to Tsomet and two to The tale of the naked emperor could become all

too tragically true

Gesher - then of the 45 projected scats, 36 ought to be reserved for Likud members, and not 31, as agreed.

But even this calculation ia faulty. If the Likud ran on its own without Tsomet and Gesher it would most probably gain more than 36 seats; thus the number of Likudniks left out will be greater than five.

ONE GROUP that will lose are Women

The Likud women, whose two current Knesset representatives, Limor Livnat and Naomi Blumental, are both first-class parliamentarians had originally managed to reserve four slots for women up to the 40th place. They are now unlikely to get even three out of 31. And since neither Tsomet nor Gesher has a woman in a realistic place, the alignment will probably end up represented by only two women, compared to Labor's reserved six.

But the Likud hasn't just suffered in terma of representation. It has also paid a high price as regards image.

Netanyahu has shown himself a poor bargainer - the last thing Israel needs just now. And his number two. David Levy, might have made the deal of his life hut to the public, including most Likudniks, he now represents cynical politics at its worst, and a total lack of credibility to boot.

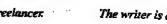
Numbers three and four, Rafael Eitan and Ariel Sharon, "heroes" of the 1982 Lebanon war, will both be celebrating their 70th hirthdays in the course of the 14th Knesset. The "orinces" have been left behind sulking, and the likelihood of new faces entering the Likud list now look slim.

Finally, there was Benny Begin last week, calling out like the littie boy in the fairy tale: "The emperor has no clothes!" Only this isn't a fairy tale, and the naked emperor could end up Israel's next prime minister.

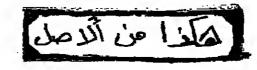
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The writer is a freelancer.



The writer is a political scientist.



How ironic that the community couldn't pay me, and I was so starved for human contact I didn't to which I belonged rejected me; while a community with which 1 had never had contact with before cared. Conversely, Jews tell me how warmly they are accepted by Christians. One Jewish organization has even received member-

ship into the National Religious Broadcasters Association, a Christian organization in the US. I see nonacceptance within the Jewish community as well: Ashkenazim not accepting showed they cared Sephardim, secular not accepting religious, and vice versa, haredim

Christians here

rejected me. Finally, it was the Jews who

Rivka laught me how to keep kosher and helped me with my Hebrew. I helped her clean for Pessah and spent my first seder with their family.

None of the Christians 1 met

ever invited me for Christmas or

Easter. And because I wasn't

Jewish, 1 spent Shahhat and

lewish holidays alone too. This

seemed to bother the Jews 1

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Today 1 go to an Orthodox syna-

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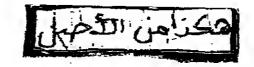
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friend, Talia, is Jewish. People

who don't know my background

Christmas presents.

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Significant Others

Much Will Hinge on 2 Close to the Candidates

By R. W. APPLE Jr.

WASHINGTON PRESIDENTIAL candidate's choice of a running mate can be a seminal event, of course, in advancing the career of the lucky politician who gets the nod. Five of the last 10 Presidents had served previously as Vice President, and in seven of the last eight elections, one or both of the major party Presidential nominees had served previously as Vice President. For the Vice Presidential nominee, it is a big

But seldom does the choice profoundly influence the outcome of the campaign. Since World War II, only John F. Kennedy's selection of Lyndon B. Johnson in 1960 was decisive (or thought to be decisive; no one can prove the widely held theory that without Johnson, Kennedy would have lost Texas, Johnson's state, and with it the election).

In most years, furthermore, it occurs to few voters to take into account who would be the First Lady in deciding whom to support for President. But in most years, no one like Hillary Rodham Clinton inhabited the White House.

This year may be different. Even before the primary elections had begun, Senator Bob Dole was surrounded by conjecture that he would choose a running mate, someone much younger than he, before the convention or even before the primaries as a means of countering the notion that he was too old for the Presidency. He will be 73 by election day; if elected he will be the oldest man ever to take office and only a bit younger than Ronald Reagan at the start of his second term.

Age Matters

Now that Senator Dole has all but clinched thenomination - be will eliminate the last vestige of doubt if he wins, as universally expected, in California on Tuesday - speculation about his running mate is keener than ever. Because of his age, about which roughly a third of those polled in most primary states voiced concerns, Mr. Dole, who was Gerald Ford's running mate in 1976, will need to select someone the electorate views as fully qualified to serve as President. Even more than Vice President John Adams, who once said, "I am nothing but I may be everything," he or she will need to be prepared.

Given the controversy that has swirled around Mrs. Clinton, the determined, talented (and by some accounts domineering) First Lady, Mr. Dole has already tried to project his own wile; Elizabeth Hanford' Dole, as a different sort of woman with wholly different ideas about the role the First Lady should play.""-

'She will not be in charge of health care in the Dole Administration," the Kansan has said in speeches in a dozen states. A former Cabinet member, she nonetheless intends to play no formal or informal government role if her husband is elected, resuming instead ber job



For Bill Clinton, it's how voters view his mate.

righteous and overambitious, by others as an admirable role model for women, is a polarizing figure -- more so, perhaps, than any other figure in American politics except Newt Gingrich. Mr. Clinton called her his partner in the Presidency. The first First Lady to be summoned before a grand jury, she is a central character in the tangled web of Whitewater, blamed by some

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job security, not revolution. By Keith Bradsher

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Federal budget.

Education Summit

For Bob Dole, much may ride on how voters view his running mate.

Does America expect to much from its schools?

By Peter Applebome

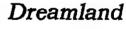
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د تعلينانية علوم بنايد toward unification.

By Richard W. Stevenson

as president of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Clinton, seen by many Americans as self-

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Morning in America in Japan



Japan has family values and then some. Three generations of a Tokyo family.

TOKYO

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

HEN this year's crop of American Presi-dential candidates dies and goes to heaven (an assumption some may question), pretty much the whole lot of them might end up here in Japan. It has just about everything they might want:

GLaw and order! Some prisons are so strict that inmates are virtually never allowed to speak to each other. No coddling here; one woman prisoner who simply said "good luck" during an exercise session got eight days of solitary confinement, where prisoners must spend the entire day seated on the floor, motionless, eyes closed.

4Basics in the schools! Kids are not allowed to leave their books at school overnight - they have to take them home as an inducement to crack them.

gFamily values! This is a country where when you mention single mothers, you're probably discussing widows.

9Protect domestic jobs! Every American politician seems to admire the efficiency of Japanese protectionism, leaving it to Japanese officials to stammer a disclaimer of any special talent.

It is true that Japan encapsulates much of what many Americans years for. It has the longest life expectancy on the globe, as well as some of the lowest crime rates. Literacy is universal, so that even the occasional homeless read serious newspapers to catch up on the situation in Bosnia. This is a country where carjacking is what you do to change a tire.

Even better, from an American politician's point of

view, is the fact that Japan is a place where elected officials get some respect. They are normally addressed in Japanese as "sensei," or "teacher," (as in: 'Teacher, why did you accept a briefcase full of money from a construction company bidding for a Govern-

ment project?") Yet if Americans sometimes dream of a place like this, it is sobering that many Japanese are fed up with their situation. It is not exactly that they yearn for druginfested slums with bad schools, but neither are they content with what they've got now ..

Greener Weeds

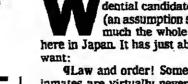
"We may require not reform, but revolution," Ichiro Ozawa, the leader of the main opposition group, the New Frontier Party, said in an interview. Mr. Ozawa is the leading revolutionary in Japan these days, but just about everybody in the country - including Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto - insists that farreaching change is essential in Japan.

So Japan offers a reminder of how frustrating the search for a social utopia can be. As commentators from de Tocqueville on have pointed out, Americans harbor a strain of insecurity over how their nation compares with others - and that may be a spur to American growth and innovation. But in fact when you've traipsed over to study the supposedly greener grass on the neighbor's lot, it often turns out that it's overgrown with weeds, or that it's fenced off so that no one can enjoy it, or that it's Astronurf.

What is perhaps most intriguing about Japan is the way it manages to realize so many current American

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The Nation

You, Too, Can Balance the Federal Budget

By DAVID E. ROSENBAUM

WASHINGTON NYBODY can balance the Federal budget over seven years. I did it in a couple of hours.

This is all it required: 1. The hubris to make crucial policy judgments about matters I know absolutely nothing about (what the consequences would be, say, of reducing the number of Navy aircraft carriers to 10 from 12).

2. The willingness to raise other people's taxes (those who drive a lot) and reduce Federal benefits I oever expect to have (farm-price supports).

3. The determination to maintain the tax breaks (mortgage interest deduction) and Government subsidies (mass transit) that I enjoy.

4. The ability to make the decisions by myself without having to strike compromises with people (my family and friends, to say nothing of people who live across town or across the country) who have interests, needs and views different from mine. 5. The knowledge that (unlike the politicians who have been unable to agree on a

budget plan) I never have to run for reelection

Billion Here, There

I used a game called Debtbusters 2002 developed by the Concord Coalition, a nonpartisan organization that promotes a balanced budget (202-467-6222). It lists dozens of deficit-reduction options that President Clinton and Congress have considered in four areas: domestic spending, national security spending, taxes and entitlements. The player is supplied with brief arguments for and against each option and the amount of spending that would be saved (or revenue gained or lost, in the case of tax changes) if the option is selected.

The object is to check off options that add up to \$850 billioo, enough, the authors of the game say, to balance the budget in seven years.

The best place to start is benefit programs, called eotitlements, since that category accounts for two-thirds of all Federal spending. There are two main types: those like Social Security and Medicare that are



available to the elderly regardless of their means and those like welfare, Medicaid and food stamps for the poor.

I decided to spare the poor and go after the elderly, whose benefits have risen most rapidly in recent years (see No. 5, above). Big bucks can be saved (\$281 billion) by

making benefits like Social Security and Medicare subject to the income tax to the extent they exceed an individual's contributions. Other hits on old people: Hold the annual cost of living increase in Social Security benefits to half a percentage point be-low the rate of inflation (\$59.7 billion); gradually raise the Social Security retirement age (\$72.6 billion); raise the Medicare premium for outpatient services for individuals with incomes above \$50,000 and couples

A. Modest Strike

with incomes above \$65,000 (\$25.9 billion). Other entitlement savings not primarily involving the elderly or the poor: reduce farm subsidies (\$31.6 billion, see No. 2); restrict veterans' compensation for those with relatively minor impairments like flat feet and eliminate payments to new applicants with disabilities unrelated to military service (\$7.6 billion); increase fees for using Federal resources and services ranging from mining on Government land to obtaining a communications license (\$29 billion).

Total entitlemeot savings: \$507.4 billion. The next biggest category of Government spending is the Pentagon. The cold war is over, and big cuts bere seem easy (see No. 1). These are the ones 1 made:

Cancel development and production of

various high-technology aircraft like the F-22 advanced tactical fighter, the C-17 transport plane, the F/A-18 attack aircraft, the V-22 vertical takeoff plane and the Comanche belicopter (\$42.8 billion); reduce the number of aircraft carriers, destroyers and frigates and cancel the third Seawolf submarine (\$15.9 billion); reduce the troop strength of the Army (\$16.7 billion); reduce nuclear delivery systems and other ouclear weapons programs (\$9.4 billion); consolidate military infrastructure, whatever that means (\$7.7 billion).

Total military savings: \$92.5 billion. Cutting other Government programs is harder. Whole programs can be abolished without saving much mooey. But this is not the time to be daunted (see Nos. 3, 4 and 5).

What's required? Hubris, tax increases for other people and no compromises.

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These were my cuts: Cancel the space station (\$13.8 billion):

consolidate the Departments of Education and Labor (\$3 billion); abolish the Commerce Department (\$7 billion); eliminate funding for several arcane education programs like the one that gives school dis-tricts extra money for pupils whose parents live or work on Federal property (\$4.8 billion); cut in half funding for the arts and humanities (\$3.6 billion) ; eliminate community development block grants and some rural development programs (\$31.6 billion, see No. 2); limit low-income energy assistance to the most needy (\$5 billion)

Total savings from miscellaneous cuts: \$68.8 billion.

Now for taxes. Unlike President Clinton and the Republicans who control Congress, I see no need for tax reductions. In fact, I chose these tax increases (See No. 2): Raise the gasoline tax by 25 cents a gallon (\$108.7); raise the cigarette tax by 75 cents a pack and the tax on alcohol by about 50 cents for each six-pack nr bottle of wine or spirits (\$98.7 billion); eliminate the deduction for mortgage interest for interest payments above \$20,000 a year (\$56.5 billion). Total tax increases: \$263.9 billion.

Time to take stock. The spending cuts and tax increases I have so painlessly checked off total \$932.6 billion, \$82.6 billion more than necessary to balance the budget under the rules of the game.

So since I may want to retire at 65 (see No. 3), let's forget about raising the retirement age (\$72.6 billion). And to avoid fights with members of my family who disagree with me (see No.4), let's not cut funds for the arts and humanities (\$3.6 billion).

That leaves a surplus of \$6.4 billioo over seven years. I'll give it to the Pentagon, You can't be too careful about the nation's defense needs (see No. 1).



By KEITH BRADSHER

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DAYTON, Ohio

T first glance, the basic relationship between labor and capital in the United States seemed to be changing last week.

A small band of workers, just 3,000 brake makers here, had shut down the world's largest auto maker, the General Motors Corporation, in the industry's biggest work stoppage since 1970. Some outsiders called for the United Automobile Workers to rally Americans under a banner of resistance to the broad forces of economic change that have produced so much insecurity across the country. And Robert Eaton, the chief executive of the Chrysler Corporation, lamented, "Today, apparently the shame is raising a son who grows up to be a C.E.O."

Yet the U.A.W. never took up that banner, negotiating last week's settlement in total secrecy. Even while the Presidential campaign brings fresh attention to the plight of workers, corporate America remains in a season of downsizing. And the brake workers themselves -- with an average age of 50 and an average income of \$69,000 a year from working six- and sevenday weeks - were singularly unenthusiastic about playing the starring role in any social revolution.

Strictly Local

"We didn't want to shake up the nation, we just wanted to shake up the people in here," said Warren M. Cooper, a 53-year-old picketer at the factory gate who put his three children through college on his earnings here.

Nor did the union have much to say about larger issues like corporate responsibility and economic inequality. In contrast to the U.A.W. of the 1930's and 1940's, this union went on strike here not to galvanize other workers of even to pursue higher wages of benefits, but to insist that G.M. live up to past promises to cootinue producing most of its brakes in Dayton.

And in the end, the workers here won some job security and cash for themselves while resisting G.M.'s demands for greater freedom to buy parts from outside, nonunion companies. But the union failed to put any new limits on these outside purchases, leaving the overall relationship with the company unchanged.

It was management, not labor, that was on the offensive during much of the strike. G.M. resisted bargaining with the U.A.W. for the first week of the confrontation, which lasted 17 days.

G.M. managers were trying to extract concessions on parts purchases that would boost the profitability of the company and its long-run ability to compete. In doing so, they provided a particularly vivid example of the broader shift of compensation away from workers and toward owners of capital.

This is one of the skirmishes in one of the great battles over income share in this economy - this is one of the great issues of how the product is divided," said James E. Annable, the chief economist at First Chicago NBD, the biggest bank in the Midwest. But it was management, not workers, that is trying to shift the balance at G.M., he added.

But the U.A.W.'s willingness to confront managemeot might not be repeated elsewhere as long as Federal law continues to allow companies to hire replacement workers during strikes. The same U.A.W. that appeared invincible here last week lost a bitter 18month strike at Caterpillar Inc. last year when the heavy equipment maker brought in replacements.

G.M. never even tried to train replacement workers because the company is simply too big to do so.

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G.M. was all but shut down by 3,000 strikers in Dayton, among them Larry Price, stepping into the cold.

Replacing its 240,000 U.A.W. workers would be a nearly impossible task even if G.M. were not in a market so competitive that a company's market share can melt away in weeks, never to be recovered.

But G.M. is also the nation's largest industrial corporation, with sales in the fourth quarter of last year that were 19 times greater, for example, than the sales of the Microsoft Corporation. Few other companies face the constraints that G.M.'s sheer size im-DOSES.

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Labor experts said last week that while the immediate effects of the G.M. strike may have been spectacular, with several hundred thousand workers out of work, real changes in labor relations are more likely to come from political pressures than from strikes. To the dismay of corporate leaders like Mr. Eaton, business decisions affecting employees are increasingly the subject of public scrutiny, including criticism from politicians of both parties.

"Outsourcing and downsizing, those two issues

which have to do with corporate behavior, are all out now in the public domain," said Barry Bluestone, a professor of political economy at the University of Massachusetts.

The prospects for political changes are murky for now. Republicans in Congress strongly favor allowing the replacement of strikers, while a Federal court has rejected President Clinton's effort to halt Federal contracts by executive decree for companies that hire replacement workers. Last week the Justice Department filed an appeal of the court decision.

So while a few of the U.A.W. workers here bemoaned the job insecurity and economic inequality that are changing the nation, their strike did not appear to have done much to halt either trend.

"When I got out of high school, there were goodpaying jobs - now, you've got people coming out of college and there aren't any jobs," said Jim Breen, a 48-year-old maintenance worker here who walked the picket line near his shiny black 1994 GMC Sonoma pickup truck. "I know people who have got 25-year-olds sitting on their couch who can't put the money together for the insurance on their car."

in the Administration for making it worse than necessary by her refusal to release relevant information.

In a poll taken in January by CBS News, 49 percent of the respondents said they thought Mrs. Clinton had taken part in a coverup in the Whitewater case, as against 37 percent who voiced a similar view of the President. In a Gallup Poll taken the same month, amid fresh Whitewater charges, Mr. Clinton had a favorable rating of 54 percent, while Mrs. Clintoo got 43 percent.

But Mrs. Clinton may be more a subliminal than an explicit issue in the fall campaign, and it is hard to judge at this stage how important she will be. Mr. Dole clearly sees his wife as a major asset, especially in the South (she is from North Carolina), but overt Hillarybashing might prove counterproductive.

First Choice

Even if she is a liability, there is little Mr. Clinton can do about his most visible partner. But Mr. Dole's vice-presidential options are many. His first choice is fairly clear. He has talked repeatedly about retired Gen. Colin L. Powell as a running mate, even though he knows as well as anyone that 'choosing him would alienate those in the party, including Patrick J. Buchanan, who are deeply offended by General Powell's relatively permissive attitude toward abortion.

General Powell said in an interview with the columnist Carl T. Rowan a week ago that he is sticking to his decision not to seek any elective office this year, and he denounced "this feeding frenzy about my running for vice president." But what matters is not what he says now but what he would say in August if Mr. Dole pressed him to run for the good of the country.

Others equally uninterested in the vice presidency, notably Mr. Johnson and Nelson A. Rockefeller, have heard similar words and yielded.

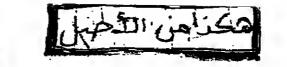
If not General Powell, who?

One traditional approach has been to seek someone from a closely fought state with a lot of electoral votes. That could help the chances of the Midwestern governors - John Engler of Michigan, George Voinovich of Ohio, Jim Edgar of Illinois and Tommy Thompson of Wisconsin. None is perfect - critics consider Mr. Engler too dull and Mr. Edgar insufficiently conservative, for example - but all have the potential of helping to deliver big battleground states.

The same could be said of Gov. Christie Whitman of New Jersey, who would also enable Mr. Dole to say he had brought a woman into the highest councils of government in the right way, as opposed to using his wife as one of his principal advisers. Ms. Whitman, a defender of abortion rights though conservative on fiscal matters, would upset social conservatives as much as General Powell.

A few people have mentioned Senator Connie Mack Florida, another battleground state, but Senator Dole, a Washington "lifer" in an era when state governments are thought more virtuous than the Federal government, would probably prefer an outside-the-Beltway partner. A few have mentioned Dick Cheney, the highly regarded former Defense Secretary, but he has had three heart attacks.

But enough. We shall have to wait until August to see what Mr. Dole decides, and until November to see whether voters react, as usual, to the great issues like jobs and crime and war and peace, and their perceptions of the characters of the Presidential nominees, or pay an unusual amount of attention to the "significant others" of the campaign - the Vice Presidential nominees and the non-nominees for First Lady.



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WEEKLY REVIEW

Ideas & Trends

Can the Schools Stand and Deliver?

By PETER APPLEBOME

" HE answer to all our national problems comes down to a single word: education," Lyndon B. Johnson said in promoting his vi-

sion of the Great Society in the 1960's. In that same spirit - the eternal American faith that schools can solve all the nation's ills - the nation's governors and top corporate executives are gathering this week in Palisades, N.Y., for what is being grandly billed as the Second National Education Summit. President Clinton is to address the governors Wednesday.

The gathering itself, occurring at a time of faint progress toward the "new era of education reform" that George Bush hailed after the first summit in 1989, reflects the prevailing belief that the nation needs to demand more from its struggling schools, teachers and underachieving students.

Too Much or Too Little

But some historians and educators are offering the beretical notion that it can be as shortsighted to expect schools to do too much as it can be to accept when they do too little, particularly when enormous social and economic problems are seeping into the classroom and disagreement is rife over how the schools should respond. The critics argue that President Johnson got it wrong: that the nation's educational ills are more the result than the cause of its economic problems, investment decisions, violent culture and urban decay. And without adequate funds and realistic expectations and planning, periodic promulgations on how bad things are or how wonderful they can be will not improve education.

"Americans have always had very utoplan expectations of what the schools can do," said David Tyack, a professor of education at Stanford University. "That can be a very positive way of recreating democracy. The problem comes when you promise too much and people get cynical. The danger with the utopian view of education policy is that it's a short jump from seeing education as the ark of the covenant to becoming cynical and disappointed enough to see schools as failures that don't matter at all."

Thus, this second summit is provoking two key questions: Is its agenda of higher standards and better technology the right one? And is America's faith in educatioo realistic?

High expectations, as well as high achievement, have long been a central eleation, From Horace ot of public eda

to the nation's economic future, Americans have put so much faith in learning that a recent book, "Tinkering Toward Utopia" (Harvard University Press, 1995), by Mr. Tyack and Larry Cuban, calls education "almost a secular religion."

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President Bush and the governors adopted ambitious national goals for improving schools over a 10-year period.

Since then, however, there has been little real progress in test scores or graduation rates and, worse, there have been some signs that education is sliding farther down in the national priorities. To revive momentum, the governors, each bringing along a major corporate executive, will try to move from the general goals of 1989 toward the establishment of specific, rigorous standards of what students must learn in different subject areas. The intent is to link mastery of those subjects with promotion to the next grade, something that is missing from many state systems. A high school diploma would be more than the worthless scrap of paper that many fear it has become. The other item on their agenda is to bring better computers and technology into the schools.

"The strength that standards have in other countries is that this is what your whole society expects of you," Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, says in materials put together for the conference, "It's so universal that it's not questioned."

School for Citizens

Proponents of setting specific standards and holding children to them say they would be one antidote to grade inflation, so-called social promotions and institutionalized assumptions, including the widespread belief that many poor and black children cannot

At a time of economic uneasiness and worries that the schools are failing to turn out adequately educated graduates for the workplace, the conference has an unapologetically utilitarian stance, and includes more corporate executives than educators.

Gov. Roy Romer of Colorado said: "The executives are saying, 'We're the customers for your products, meaning the graduates of the schools. We have something to say about what kind of products they ought to be.' And what in the world do you go to school for other than to become good citizens and get a job and raise a family?"

To some educators, that viewpoint, students as little more than future employeesin-training and the conference's emphasis on standards reflects a distressingly mecha-



myriad social and cultural impediments to learning.

"The public debate and the political debate is mainly about all the wrong things," said Edward Miller, editor of the Harvard Education Letter, "People who actually work in schools are talking about completely different things than governors and politicians are."

While politicians are talking about vouchers and standards, Mr. Miller sald, teachers are concerned about motivating children unprepared for and uninterested in learning, teaching disabled ones once routinely excluded or educating students unable to speak English well. Many say that a more useful approach to standards is to specify what money, technology or other materials should be available to all schools.

Few educators argue against standards, but there has been such a strong anti-Washington current since 1989 that few of them are advocating national standards. Many educators share a widely held belief that the sense of educational crisis and failure today represents a curious disconnect between what is wrong with education and how that fits into broader problems of American life.

It's the Culture, Stupid

"The intellectual level of the schools can be no higher than the intellectual level of the culture in which they float," said Richard Gibboney, an educatioo professor at the University of Pennsylvania and the former Vermont Commissioner of Education. "You

Teachers, Teach Thyselves

HIS month the National Council of Teachers of English released Standards for the English Lan-

guage Arts," which outlined, in mind-numbing terms, what students from kindergarten to 12th grade should learn. Tucked in it was a glossary that defined obscure words like "listening" and "spelling." SARAH BOXER Below are excerpts.

appreciation Thoughtful awareness of value: personal understanding and respect for: judgments made with heightened perception and understanding.

autience The collection of intended readers, listeners or viewers for a particular work or performance.

fiction Imaginative literary, oral or visual works representing invented, rather than actual persons places and events.

grammar The means by which the different components of language can be put together in groups of sounds and written or visual symbols so that ideas, feelings and images can be communicated; what one knows about the structure and use of one's own language that leads to its creative and

communicative use. inquiry A mode of research driven by the learner's desire to look deeply into a question or an idea that interests him or her.

any means; includes listening to vocal speech, watching signing or using communication aids.

punctuation An orthographic system that separates linguistic units, clarifies meaning and can be used by writers and readers to give speech characteristics to written materials.

reading The complex, recursive process through which we make meaning from texts, using semantics; syntax; visual, aural and tactile cues; context, and prior knowledge. speaking The act of communication

through such means as vocalization, signing or using communication aids such as voice synthesizere

spelling The process of representing language by means of a writing system or orthography.

vocabulary The words known or used by a person or group, including the specialized meanings that words acquire when they are used for technical purposes, regional usages and slang. writing: 1. The use of a writing system or

orthography by people in the conduct of their daily lives to communicate over time and space. 2. The process or result of recording language graphically by hand or other means, as by the use of computers or

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nistic image of education. Many see the look at TV. You look at our commercial culture. What you see in society is what you see in the schools."

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And the So-So Winner Is ...

Hey, What's Talent Got to Do With It?

By BERNARD WEINRAUB

HOLLYWOOD HARLIE CHAPLIN never won an Oscar. Neither did Greta Garbo, Alfred Hitchcock, Barbara Stanwyck or Cary Grant. Marilyn Monroe was never even nominated for one.

"As much as I love the Oscar night pageantry," Jodie Foster once remarked, "it's a silly bingo game." Easy for Ms. Foster to say. She won Academy Awards in 1988 and 1991.

Is there anyone who won't be watching the silly bingo game on television tomorrow? The annual Academy Awards, which Truman Capote once described as "all politics and sentiment and nothing to do with merit," were launched in 1929 by Louis B. Mayer and other movie moguls to honor the best in American film. The best?

It's well known that all kinds of people are nominated for the awards and win and lose for all the wrong reasons. "Comebacks are very big," said Damien Bona, co-author with Mason Wiley of "Inside Oscar: The Unofficial History of the Academy Awards" (Ballantine Books, 1986), which is updated regularly. "There was Jack Palance in '91. This year Richard Dreyfuss was nominated.

"There's the rewarding of a career. That's always a major category," Mr. Bona said. "This year it's Susan Sarandon. And there's the 'Gosh, we didn't know you had it in you' category. People known for light dramatic abilities who take on strong dramatic roles. This year it's Sharon Stone. Over the years it's been people like Ginger Rogers, Shirley Jones, Dan Ackroyd and Red Buttons."

A Fever to Win

It also helps to be very sick. Or even dead, Peter Finch, the only nominated actor to die before the awards ceremony, was chosen best actor for "Network" in 1976. This year Massimo Troisi, who postponed a crucially needed heart operation and gave his life to make "The Postman," was nominated for best actor. He's not favored to win because most Academy

voters never heard of him. Even Katherine Hepburn acknowledged that she probably won best actress award in 1967 for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," over such actresses as Faye Dunaway in "Bonnie and Clyde" and Anne Bancroft in "The Graduate," because Spencer Tracy, her longtime lover, had just died. ("I'm glad I won it for Spence," she said.) A seriously ill Henry Fonda won best actor in 1981 for "On Golden Pond" despite the brilliant performance of another nominee, Burt Lancaster, in "At-

Probably the prime example of someone who won lantic City.' an Oscar for being sick was Elizabeth Taylor for



Rocco Mattio was blase making Oscars in 1974; George Burns was happier taking one from the lot in 1975.

"Butterfield 8" in 1960. When she saw the movie for the first and last time, Miss Taylor threw her shoes at the screen in anger, according to the book "Behind the Oscar: the Secret History of the Academy Awards" (Simon & Schuster, 1993), by Anthony Holden. But an emergency tracheotomy, which left her close to death, was enough to sway Academy voters. (In fairness, she had been bypassed for her acclaimed roles in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof" and "Suddenly Last Summer.") Miss Taylor had a dramatic - some said miraculous recovery when she hobbled on stage to get her Oscar. Her competitors were not exactly pleased. "I lost to a tracheotomy," grumbled Shirley MacLaine, nominated

that year for "The Apartment." There are other ways of winning. "There's the 'Tell everyone you don't want it and if you win it you won't accept it' ploy," said Jeanine Basinger, head of the film studies department at Wesleyan University. "Marlon Brando and George C. Scott did that.

"There's also 'Lie low and wait till you're old' award," she said. "That's Ruth Gordon in 'Rosemary's Baby' and George Burns in 'The Sunshine Boys.' "

Ms. Basinger, who wrote "A Woman's View: How Hollywood Spoke to Women, 1930-1960" (Knopf, 1993). said: "Oscars go to actresses who play prostitutes, nuns, cripples or mutes - Hollywood loves women who doo't speak. Oscar also likes women who are beautiful but wear no makeup - it's called serious acting."

Of the oominees for best actress this year, Sharon Stone and Elisabeth Shue played prostitutes, and Susan Sarandon a nun.

This year 5,043 Academy members voted by secret ballot. The membership includes actors, writers, producers and directors as well as costume designers, cinematographers, film editors, sound effects technicians and makeup specialists, among other categories.

Because artistry is usually not the issue at the Oscars, movie buffs remain in various levels of outrage at what they view as the oversights, snubs and silliness of the nominations and awards. Nicole Kidman and John Travolta were not even nominated, even though they were widely considered contenders for their striking performances in "To Die For" and "Get Shorty." The conventional wisdom is that Academy voters abnor dark comedies and favor big, splashy movies like

To improve the Oscar odds: play prostitutes or mutes; get sick or die.

"Braveheart" and "Apollo 13," which were both nominated. The other films nominated are "Babe," "The Postman" and "Sense and Sensibility."

Jennifer Jason-Leigh, who played a failed rock singer in "Georgia," was passed over perhaps because she doesn't play the Hollywood game - show up at the parties, give the interviews, behave like a star.

Terry Press, an executive at Dreamworks, still recalls the outrage of her father, who kicked the television set during the 1956 Oscars when Yul Brynner won the best actor award for "The King and I" over Kirk Douglas in "Lust for Life." "He didn't watch for five years after that," he said.

Ms. Press pointed out plenty of other odd choices. "How Green Was My Valley" beat "Citizen Kane" as best picture in 1941. Judy Holliday won best actress in 1950 for "Born Yesterday" over Gloria Swaiison in "Sunset Boulevard" and Bette Davis and Anne Baxier in "All About Eve." (Hollywood is overawed by Broadway stars who repeat their stage roles on the screen.)

All this annoyance by fans obscures the fact that the Oscar ceremonies are often just a frilly show that shouldn't be taken too seriously. Shortly after the first Oscar show in 1929, Frances Marion, an MGM screenwriter, wrote one of the first and probably most acerbic comments about the award.

"The little gold-washed statuette was thought, by skeptics and art lovers, a bit on the amateurish side. he said. "Still, I see it as the perfect symbol of the picture business: a powerful athletic body clutching a gleaming sword with half of his head, that part which holds the brains, completely sliced ulf."

The World

The Idea of Europe Trips Over the Real Thing

By RICHARD W. STEVENSON

FTER two vicious wars, the peace and prosperity enjoyed by Western Europe in the second half of this century can be attributed in good part to a single act in the early 1950's, or at east to the idea behind it.

The act was the decision by France and Germany to eliminate the trade barriers between their coal and steel industries - the very engines of their war machines - and thus create a degree of interdependence between the nations. And the idea was that through such mundane economic links, one following the next, the interests of Europe's ancient rivals could be bound inextricably, providing a foundation for peace and an opening perhaps to create a United States of Europe.

As played out over the last four and a half decades, the idea has proven remarkably successful. It led to a common market across Western Europe and reached a logical climax in 1991 with the unveiling of grandiose new plans, notably for a single currency. In a broader sense, it fostered a degree of political cooperation that ultimately helped bury the twin realities that ever since the mid-1940's had hung menacingly over Western Europe: the cold war and the division of Germany.

But now the idea of an ever-more-united Europe may be a victim of its own success. In the absence of a common threat, the process of further integration is sputtering or even stalling, and Europe is beginning to wonder whether it has reached the limits of the strategy of unification.

So on Friday the European Union's member nations, now 15 strong but uncertain of where they are headed, will gather in a Fiat factory in Turin, Italy, in search of a new vision for Europe in the next century.

Ready, Set, Crawl

It will in many ways be a frustrating experience. As much as some nations, Germany in particular, might like to set grand goals as a way of restoring momentum to that process, even the Germans acknowledge that the best they can hope for will be far more prosaic (if no less critical): to hold on to the degree of unity the union has already achieved as It expands, even if slowly, across the continent in a time of great economic and political upheaval.

The problem is not just that the absence of a common enemy has stripped Europe of its motivation to focus on common goals. It is also that many of Europe's problems in the mid-1990's - rising unem-

ployment, declining international competitiveness, an inability to pay for traditionally generous social welfare benefits - do not necessarily lend themselves to common solutions. Indeed, in an increasingly competitive global economy, they could spark a resurgence in nationalism, especially if Europe's leaders cannot find -or choose not to seek - compelling reasons why their citizens should consider themselves Europeans.

In immediate terms, the union's growing membership and the corresponding weiter of cultural, economic and political imperatives are straining its ability to reach consensus about anything - indeed, about bow to reach a consensus. The practical problems of policy making and governance will only grow worse, with up to a dozen other countries, most from the former Soviet bloc, clamoring for admittance over the next decade, even if the strategic challenge of integrating former enemies is a welcome one.

For the last four years, the group has counted on the plan to adopt a common monetary policy and a single currency by 1999 to drive its integration efforts. But hopes of achieving that goal on schedule, at least among more than a small group, have already dimmed, as has the whole strategy of using economics as a Trojan horse for political unity.

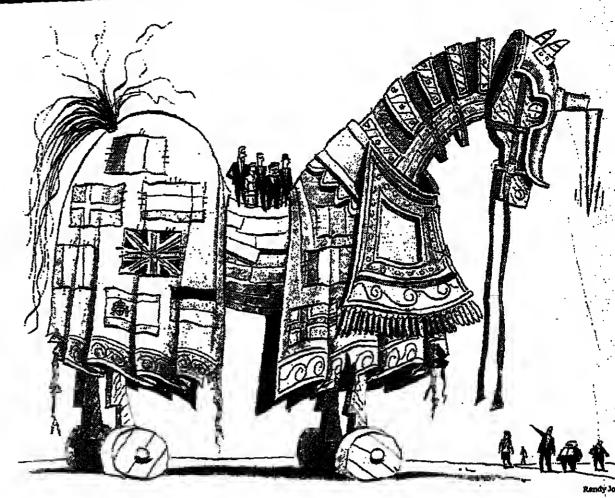
Most of the governments are under pressure to

The leaders are meeting again to plan the future, but now their sights are low.

focus more on domestic priorities and less on European obligations - particularly when it comes to the belttightening required if there is to be a single currency. And the hopes expressed in 1991 of moving toward a common foreign policy were exposed as empty by the union's inability to deal with the war in Bosnia.

So for the first time, the union's leaders will be confronting the likelihood that their nations are not only not moving inexorably closer, but risk drifting apart.

Not all think that is such a bad thing. Prime Minister John Major of Britain, for one, would be happy to see the notion of a truly federal Europe killed off. But even among those most committed to continuing integration, notably Chancellor Helmut Kohl of Germany, there is a recognition that such diverse European



countries cannot expect unanimity any looger. And look as they might, no one can find a 1996 version of Jean Monnet, the visionary French bureaucrat who pushed for creation of the Coal and Steel Community and whose dogged advocacy of integration by economic means made him among the most influential Europeans of this half century.

"The community has already reached a high water mark in integration," said Paul Whiteley, a professor of government at the College of William and Mary who is doing research this year at Sheffield University in Britain. "Monetary union had been seen as the way forward. My difficulty now and that of others is in seeing some sort of big idea analogous to those of the American founding fathers that will inspire and promore new enthusiasm for European integration and that will take it to a new plane."

How to Decide?

The gathering in Turin, designed to review progress toward the grand goals set in 1991, is a kickoff to a year or more of rolling discussions among government officials. Its will encompass issues such as police cooperation, immigration standards, common social welfare and tax policies, and monetary union.

But the most contentious discussions are likely to be about how the group should make decisions as its membership expands, and about the extent to which individual nations should be allowed to participate in some aspects of the union and not in others.

Most nations, led by Germany and France, want, the union to abandon its traditional practice of requiring unanimity for new policies. The French and Germans, backed by the Brussels bureaucracy, fear that. Britain, which under the Conservatives has been hostile. to any encroachment by the union on national sovereignty, will stymie their more ambitious plans.

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They also recognize that with the addition of every new member, it becomes that much harder to reach agreements that satisfy all.

The conference will consider proposals such as giving nations voting power in proportion to their size, it requiring only a majority of votes for new policies.

The question of voting power is closely related to. that of how to make the union, which long operated on the basis that all members went ahead together on all. froms, more flexible. That tradition began breaking. down four years ago when Britain negotiated the right to opt out of the currency union. Now even France and Germany recognize that it is unworkable.

Several models are under consideration. One, dubbed à la carte, would allow each nation to choose which aspects of the union it wanted to participate in. The one most likely to prevail is known as the concentric rings. It would allow core groups to go ahead with certain plans, with the idea that others, while not exempt from participating, would follow along later.

But many European diplomats are troubled by another model, dubbed the bicycle. This analogy holds that Europe must retain forward momentum. If it is capable only of holding still, it will topple over.

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ideals — and yet is so unhappy with the results. This underscores that the kind of values that Americans yearn for, even if they can be achieved, carry a price.

Japan's social discipline may be admirable, but one person's discipline is another's regimentation. Take the respect for police officers, who are not called "pigs" but "Honorable Mr. Walkabout." The police's power to detain suspects is heartwarming if you fear robbery, but less so if you are stopped on the street because you lonk "suspicious" and are asked to empty your pockets, or to go to the police station for an interview. Americans would never accept the rule that all people register their addresses with the Government.

These days, Americans from President Clinton on down seem to think that school uniforms are a good way to cultivate discipline. At first glance, Japan would appear to be the model: all junior high school students wear uniforms, and they are not normally allowed to take money to school, wear watches or stop off on the way between home and school.

Yet just as Americans are thinking of whether to expand the use of school uniforms, Japanese schools are thinking of moving away from them. Some principals say uniforms eventually may be banished because they stifle creativity, and dress codes already are being relaxed. A generation ago, there was no incontrovertible evidence that school girls had knees, because none were ever sighted. These days, in the cities, skirts bave hiked up so high that amateur biologists can ascertain that school girls have not only knees but also thighs.

Gum-Free Zones

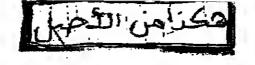
The broader vision of schools as military academies is also wearing thin in Japan. Gum, for example, traditionally was regarded in Japanese schools the way drugs are in American schools, and recently a teacher slapped a 15-year-old boy for chewing gum before class. The blow injured the boy's eardrum, and this time the teacher was ordered to apologize to the student,

Japanese students are far ahead of their American counterparts, especially in math and science and music. But there are growing calls in Japan to change the educational system on the ground that it teaches children to memorize but not to think. It is true that on standardized international tests Japanese children fare much better in solving math equations than in solving math story problems. (But it is not clear that Americans should be greatly cheered that Japanese students are four times better at equations and only twice as good at story problems as kids in the United States.)

"In education, in any subject where there's a correct answer, Japanese training has been very good, said Mr. Ozawa, the opposition leader. "But we bave to change that to a system where there's more than one correct answer, to one that strengthens the individual, that increases creativity. And to do that we need to change company entrance examinations, indeed, the whole system of employment."

Americans often complain that crucial national decisions are made for political reasons, by politicians with blow-dried hair and brains. But Japan offers a glimpse of the alternative: crucial national decisions made by brilliant, well-trained, virtually incorruptible bureaucrats. The Japanese long instead for politicians to make decisions on the basis of what people want.

"The underbeily of this exquisite society is beginning to surface," said Robert Jay Lifton, a professor of psychology and psychiatry who has written extensively about Japan and America. Mr. Lifton added: "The Japanese are seething within."



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Life of a Cold Caller Rides On a Smile and Thick Skin

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By BARBARA WHITAKER

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TREVOSE, Pa. VELYN WILEY'S desk is unadorned. No family pictures. No mementos or favorite sayings. The only thing distinguishing it is a small hand mirror perched on the keyboard of her computer.

She keeps it there to see if she's smiling. If she is, chances are she's selling.

"They always listen when I smile," Ms. Wiley said.

No small challenge. Ms. Wiley is one of those people America loves to hate: a telephone solicitor. Each day, she interrupts dozens of people she doesn't know, trying to sell them something they didn't ask for and probably feel they don't need.

But Ms. Wiley, a "30-something" Philadelphia woman who has worked as a telephone solicitor for nearly a year, sees her role in a different light. To her, she is nothing less than a telephone help mate.

"I feel important," she said. "I know it's disruptive, but my approach is: I have a great offer for you."

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In a sense, telephone solicitors are the door-to-door salesmen of the 90's, intrusive and uninvited. Instead of peddling brushes and vacuum cleaners, they push everything from credit cards to insurance to oewspapers (this one included). They may ask for charitable contributions or suggest a change in your long-distance carrier. Whatever they are selling, they always seem to call at dinner time.

they face rejection, suspicion and, at times, outright rudeness, with angry hang-ups replacing slammed front

doors. In short, theirs is a job that is arguably at the bottom of the retail food chain, traditionally filled by retirees, homemakers and college students looking for part-time work.

But as the job market has tightened, telemarketing has increasingly become a haven for older whitecollar workers set adrift by the latest recessionary shock or round of downsizing. Many of these people are in it for the long haul.

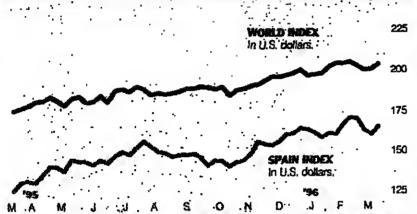
And if you think they aren't racking up the sales, despite all their annoyances, think again. A day spent watching Ms. Wiley and others at the ICT Group Inc. calling center here, just outside Philadelphia in Bucks County, was notable not for the number of hang-ups, but for how many people took the callers up on their offers. In just over two hours on a Tuesday in February, Ms. Wiley and 11

colleagues - cold callers to the public but who prefer to be known as telephone service representatives, or T.S.R.'s - persuaded credit card holders around the country to accept more than \$100,000 in cash advances, using a reduced interest rate as the

bait. That put them well ahead of their goal of "selling" \$2,600 an hour in advances per sales representative, reaching an average of \$4,400 instead.

That kind of success helps explain wby, despite problems in the industry with fraud, deception and public scorn, the cold-calling side of tele-





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PERFORMANCE	IN U.S. DOLLARS	IN LOCAL

Week Week YTD YTD Dividend YTD Yield

And like door-to-door salesmen, marketing has grown into a multi-; billion-dollar business.

> Sales to consumers by so-called outbound telemarketers - retailers or the representatives they hire, like ICT, that initiate calls to customers - soared to an estimated \$159 billion last year, from \$117 billion in 1990, according to the Direct Marketing Association, a trade group based in Washington. When calls to business customers are added in, sales came to \$385 billion last year, the association says. (That is not counting the billions of dollars taken in by fraudulent operators. Nor does it include the huge amount of business done by catalogue companies, which are characterized as inhound telemarketers because the consumer calls them.)

> "It's the kind of business that I think people like to complain about, yet people are spending \$385 billion on goods and services purchased by the telephone, which speaks to the fact that it offers a service people are not getting other ways," said Donna Krampf, director of consumer public relations for the trade group.

Ms. Wiley's employer has been on a roll for years now. Revenues for ICT, which is involved in telemarketing management and research services as well as sales, have grown from \$2 million in 1987 to \$52 million last year. Among companies that specialize in outbound calls, ICT was ranked eighth last year in billable minutes by Telemarketing and Call Center Solutions Magazine.

"We've been doubling in size every two years," said John J. Bren-nan, ICT Group's president and chief executive." The market is very good, and we've done a lot of diversification to broaden our approach."

The company, which is based in nearby Langhorne, Pa., operates 20 outbound calling centers, 3 of which have opened this year. Two of the centers are abroad, in Dublin and St. John, New Brunswick.

Compensation for sales representatives varies in the industry, depending on skills and the part of the country where the caller is working. At ICT, the pay averages \$6 to \$8 an hour to start. For those with special skills, like licensed insurance agents, the rate is generally \$8 to \$10 an hour to start. And medical benefits, seldom provided before, are now being given more frequently to people in that group.

The company and its clients also frequently offer incentives to push the employees. Callers working at least 40 bours a month can increase hourly wages by a maximum of \$4.75 if they consistently perform above



Hank Kulig says rejection just comes with the territory in the business of telephone sales - "you just can't let it bother you."

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The system is a vast improvement

over the days without computers.

Now, sales representatives spend 40

minutes each hour talking with cus-

tomers, compared with 25 minutes in

the old days, making it possible to do

the same volume of work with rough-

The calls start going out at 9 A.M.

(Federal regulations prohibit calls

between 9 P.M. and 8 A.M.) Callers

tail basics like the name and address

of the person called as well as the

information needed to discuss the

Mr. Twine sits poised to talk as the

computer connects him to a phone

ringing in Santa Barbara, Calif. A

man picks up. Mr. Twine introduces

himself and - working from a script

- tells the man he has "good news"

for him. He would like to send him a

check for his available credit card

balance at an annual percentage

rate of 9.9 percept. The rate remains

"Many might tell you, 'I have too much credit,' "Mr. Twine said later.

"But you've got to ask, 'What's the

they can find a need," he said.

"When you explain what you have,

In this case, the customer gives

in effect until the loan is paid off.

into, 'Let me tell you about your ers dial the oumbers, giving the calls company' ... 'It cost me X amount of to the sales representatives while dollars to talk to people next door' they are still ringing. The computers will adapt their pace to the amount 'Stop calling here.' of business being done by the repre-

It was at that point, she recalled, that she turned to a mirror for some role playing.

"I acted like I was the customer," she said. "I asked questions and answered myself back. I used my rebuttals, and I felt real confident."

So she took the mirror to work. "It was excellent because it was a very hard program, and 1 reached

ly half the number of people. the goal in one day," she said. "I've been carrying my mirror ever since." sit side by side in identical cubicles Although the callers receive trainstaring at computer screens that deing to help them present themselves

and the product in the best possible way, how they deal with rejection must come from within. "You have to be strong," said Ms.

Wiley, expressing a view echoed by other sales representatives. "I think It's a built-in thing."

Those familiar with the business say Americans have an ingrained sense of politeness and generally beg off without getting ugly, although people in New York City (rude) and Wisconsin (suspicious) are known to be more difficult.

When the rejection is bad, a supervisor might come over for a personal. pep talk. Management propares fer, particularly difficult selling campaigns - in which just one sale is rate your are paying?" expected every two or three hours -by selecting the best people and backing them up with a higher oumber of supervisors. Financial or other incentives - ranging from unexpected boxes of candy to complicated bonus arrangements for those who sell more than the office average - are also used to "sweeten the pot," Ms. Brennan said.

access to a cellular phone with a different number. He calls the friend, setting up a rather bizarre three-way exchange.

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Mr. Watson can hear the man saying, "I can't call him back, so I was wanting to know your thoughts on it." Then the customer comes back, What kind of information do you need?"

Mr. Watson says he needs to know only how much of an advance the man wants.

Within a few minutes, Mr. Watson is wrapping up the deal to hit the man's credit card limit by sending him a check for \$4,600.

Then it's right back to business for Mr. Watson A wrong number, then someone in Monroe, N.C., answers. "I'm in pain up to my elbows," the customer says. Or was It paint? Mr. Watson doesn't press.

He moves on. After two calls are not answered, he gets a man who has just come home from the hospital after open-heart surgery. Mr. Watson starts to back off until the man mentions his medical bills.

"I'm sorry to hear about your condition," Mr. Watson says, "but this could help you to pay some of those medical expenses, and there's no time limit."

The customer counters that his wife has the credit card in her name, and she is going to pay things off that way. 'I think right now I'll stick with that," he says.

"Hope you get better," Mr. Watson concludes. "Thank you for talking with me." The call epitomized what makes

telephone solicitors successful. Although Mr. Watson was working from a script, he adapted it to suit the situation. Every representative has to find the right approach, and quickly.

Consider the ICT sales representative in Dublin who was calling the United States for a campaign. Although he was speaking English, it might as well have been Japanese to the man be reached in Texas.

The customer asked whether he could put someone on the line who could speak "West Texas." The caller left the phone for a second, thought back to the American Westerns he had seen on television and then resumed the call doing his best John Wayne impression. He made the sale.

Over time, sales representatives come up with their own winning styles.

Hank Kulig, a career salesman who was downsized from his job selling corporate lighting, sald he just stuck to the facts. For the credit card campaign, be bas written notes on his script ticking off the various ways a cash advance can be used: home improvements, special purchases, vacations, medical expenses.

When a man in Indiana says he has no need for the money, Mr. Kulig what is known in the business as a stresses the 9.9 percent rate and the "hard no." It is definite and leaves that this nd of deal seems to be there when you need It. "You can always return it," Mr. Kulig says of the cash advance.

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Source Bloomberg Financial Markets, exchange rates as of Friday's New York close

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In addition, the callers can eventually move into supervisory or management jobs, which pay better salaries. At ICT, supervisors earn annual salaries of about \$25,000, a call center manager will make \$30,000 to \$40,000 and a director of regional operations can make up to \$60,000.

New employees not cut out for the job will generally leave within the first two weeks, said Amy Brennan, the office manager at the Bucks County calling center. Generally, about 5 percent drop out by that point. To keep the turnover that low, she says she is very selective. What does she look for? "It's voice inflection, it's tone, it's their attitude in the interview," said Ms. Brennan, who is not related to the company's president

"I don't really expect to sit with anyone and bave them say, 'This is my dream job," she added. "But sometimes they come and find they like it."

Looking back to her early days on the job, Ms. Wiley confessed to wondering if it was going to work out. A business school graduate who also went to a community college for two years, she selected a job in telemarketing over secretarial and clerical positions because she liked the idea that she would be using her communication skills

Her first week, however, was a disaster as she tried to persuade people to change long-distance companies.

People either hung up on ber or took the time to tell ber off. "They're telling you their company is better," Ms. Wiley remembered. "They'd go - unsuspecting clientele. The comput-

Morale boosters might be something as simple as passing an envelope containing a \$10 bill to the person with the most recent sale. At the end of a designated period, the person with the envelope can keep the money.

ICT employs 3,000 service representatives, including 540 who have been with the company for three years or more.

As the business has grown, the sales force has become older, Mr. Brennan said. He began to see a change in the recession of 1991, when the average age of new hires went to 3], from 21. "When people started losing jobs," Mr. Brennan said, "they got involved in this."

Larry Twine, 55, is one of those people. He took his job out of necessity. He had worked as a securities analyst for 28 years and then became a consultant. But the stock market crash in 1987 ended that career, he said. After a long stretch of being told he was over qualified for a variety of jobs, he joined ICT in 1990. His approach to the job was to learn as much as he could about telephone sales so that he could perform as professionally as possible. To earn as much as possible, he obtained licenses to sell insurance in half the states. Now, he consistently leads the office in sales.

Mr. Twine and the others at the calling center use computers and well-honed phone lists to reach their

little room to maneuver, unlike someone who says, "I don't think SO.'

The soft-spoken Mr. Twine takes his cue and signs off, but only after double-checking that he can't interest the man in the offer. The computer then dials up homes in Toledo, Ohio; El Paso; Oceanside, Calif., and Rome, N.Y., but no one answers.

Finally, the silence is broken. Not by a customer, but by Maurice Watson, a 25-year-old colleague who comes over with his sales sheet requesting that Mr. Twine check it out. "Does this say \$42,000 before hunch?" Mr. Watson asks, tweaking Mr. Twine.

"He's having a great day," said Ms. Brennan, after witnessing the exchange, "He's taking advantage of it by rubbing it in everyone else's face."

Noting that he extended \$40,000 m credit the day before, Mr. Watson seems to have surprised even himself with his \$42,000 before lunch.

But offering consumers a cash advance at 9.9 percent less than two months after Christmas is kind of like offering a hungry child another cookie. Many are going to think about it, and several will find it hard to refuse.

Still, Mr. Watson runs into some interesting twists. First there is the man in New Mexico who wants to consult with a friend about the offer. 'Can I call you back?" the man

asks. No. If Mr. Watson lets him go, be will probably lose the sale. Then it dawns on the customer that he has

"It sounds awful good, but I don't need any right oow," the man responds.

"You don't need a check for \$3,000 or \$4,000?" Mr. Kulig asks, making a last run at it. When the man continues to decline, Mr. Kulig asks him to "keep us in mind" and leaves him with an "800" number for customer service.

All representatives are monitored at random throughout the day. Three times each day they will be scored on their performance by quality assurance monitors, who will examine everything from their diction to the 'rebuttals" they use to keep a resistant customer on the line to their overall professionalism.

"We're like your mother," said Karen Furman, one of the monitors.

The sales representatives are also being watched closely by the higherranking supervisors.

Plagued by phone scams conducted by fraudulent operators, legitimate companies are constantly refining their approach to raise the level of consumer acceptance, Mr. Brennan said

Ms. Krampf, the public relations director for the marketing association, concurred, noting that companies attribute their success to their ability to pinpoint their audience, providing information and services that those consumers actually want. Still, consumer skepticism is warranted. Authorities estimate that \$40 billion in fraudulent or deceptive sales are made each year in the United States.

March 18-22: Stock and Bond Prices Rise on Hopes of Moderate Expansion

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Sources: Bank Rate Monitor; Bloomberg Financial Markets; The Bond Buyer; Datastream; Goldman, Sachs; IBC's Money Fund Report; Mernil Lynch; Standard & Poor's: Ryan Labs

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5.75%	Bank C.D.'s	4.70%
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A Cleaner, Deeper Harbor

New York Harbor is in danger of shutting down. Thousands of tons of riverborne silt that accumulate naturally every year are choking its bays and tributaries and driving shippers to deeper ports in Nova Scotia, Maryland and Virginia. At risk are billions in annual revenues and 180,000 jobs that depend, directly or indirectly, on the Port of New York and New Jersey.

The politicians of New York and New Jersev face a critical choice. They can take steps to maintain the port's rank as one of the top three terminals in America or they can go the way of Oakland. Calif., which failed to resolve precisely the same problem and dropped from No. 1 on the list of active ports to No. 19.

The crisis was described in Andrew Revkin's thorough report in The Times last Monday. Until 1995, the Army Corps of Engineers routinely scooped up 4.3 million cubic yards of mud and deposited it in the ocean at a "mud dump" six miles east of the Jersey Shore. Then the Federal Government changed the rules. It decided that at least twothirds of the silt at the bottom of the harbor is so tainted with toxic material - PCB's, dioxin, and heavy metals like mercury - that it cannot be dumped in the ocean. This ruling brought dredging to a virtual halt and shipping has already slowed.

The obvious answer is to find a safe place to put the mud, and on this score there are positive developments. Representative Bob Franks. Republican of New Jersey, has introduced a hill that would revise the terms of the Federal Harbor Maintenance Trust. There is \$600 million in this fund that can be spent oo dredging but not on disposal. Mr. Franks's bill would free up money to build secure "containment" sites, under water or on land. This is an excellent idea that the New York and New Jersey Congressional delegations should rally around. Meanwhile, Gov. George Pataki of New York has ordered Michael Finnegan - his counsel and trouble-shooter - to work with New Jersey officials. Mr. Finnegan helped find a solution to the crisis over New York City's watershed. His oew assignment is no less challenging.

Still, there are formidable hurdles to finding a rational solution, not least the need to distinguish between real problems and "perceived" problems that have more to do with politics than science. A case in point is Gov. Christine Todd Whitman of New Jersey. Mrs. Whitman has been way out in front on this issue, recognizing early on that the dredging impasse threatened local jobs.

But when a reputable conservation group, the Environmental Defense Fund, tried to convince her that existing technology could create "secure" dumping pits off the Jersey shore - deep holes capped by tons of clean sand - Mrs. Whitman balked. New Jersey beaches have taken a terrible pounding from untreated sewage and medical waste, and the Governor's constituents are convinced that ocean disposal will never be safe.

A similar problem of public perception confronts Representative Jerrold Nadler, a Brooklyn Democrat. Mr. Nadier wants to redirect some of the shipping business to the virtually defunct Brooklyn docks, where the channel is naturally deeper than it is on the New Jersey side of the harbor. That would relieve the pressure to dredge in Newark Bay and help Brooklyn's economy in the bargain. In exchange, however, containment pits would be built inside New York Harbor, an idea that many of Mr. Nadler's constituents resist.

There are two agendas here. The first is to make New York Harbor environmentally safe. The second is to make New York Harbor economically sound. Sometimes environmental and economic goals are in conflict, but in this case, they are not. Science suggests that the toxic mud at the bottom of the harbor can be dredged and put to use as landfill or safely quarantined under water. That would mean a cleaner environment. It would also mean deeper channels, more ships and more jobs.

Taiwan's Democratic Election

Yesterday's presidential election in Taiwan was an affirmation of democracy, but not a declara-

status dates to the Chinese civil war. In 1949, Chiang Kai-shek, the defeated anti-Communist leader, fled tion of independence. It is important that the lead- to Taiwan from the mainland with his armies and ers of Taiwan, China and the United States recog- political entourage. By the late 1980's, with the mainland pursuing ecocomic reform, Taiwanese businessmen began investing heavily in China. Uotil last year, the two sides seemed headed toward a pragmatic understanding. Then politics intervened. Mr. Lee, whose family comes from the island, not the mainland like his predecessors, courted support on Taiwan by oeedlessly seeking the trappings of independence, including separate Taiwanese admission to the United Nations and unofficial diplomatic ties with countries that recognize Beijing, including the United States. China predictably responded by redoubling its efforts to bend Taiwan to its will.

Don't Condemn All Germans for the Holocaust

To the Editor: Re "The People's Holocaust" (Op-Ed, March 17): Daniel Jonah Goldhagen states that more than 100,000 Germans participated in the killings of Jews during World War II. This figure has been used for a long time. But more important is that it represents only a small percentage, actually around one one-hundredth of a percent of the German population then. In addition, Mr. Goldhagen mentions the mass killings and talks about Germans who volunteered to participate in the killings. There may indeed have been such confused minds. But he does not say that for many, these terrible scenes were the defining moment that prompted them to join the resistance movement. He does not mention those many courageous Germans who risked their lives to save Jews. Oskar Schindler was one of MANY. H. EBERHARO VON WALDOW Glenshaw, Pa., March 19, 1996

Foster Pluralism

To the Editor: Daniel Jonah Goldhagen (Op-Ed. March 17) points to the reality of

Taiwan Can't Ignore Its Chinese Roots

mains.

To the Editor:

A March 17 news article states that most of Taiwan's inhabitants "speak Taiwanese, not Chinese." Linguists agree that Taiwanese is dialect of the Chinese language. There are more than 30 dialects of Chinese, Including Taiwanese, Cantonese and Mandarin (the official dialect for Taiwan, Hong Kong and the People's Republic) that have historically been unified by one common written language.

In fact, Taiwanese is so similar to Fujianese, the dialect spoken by the population of the mainland, that Taiwanese speakers would have no trouble making themselves understood if they were to cross the strait.

A college studeot you quote refers to Taiwanese and mainland Chinese as "different races," and you seem to support this claim by suggesting that many Taiwanese have roots that are "distantly Chinese." This lgnores a point of history.

The student's ancestors most likely were Han Chinese who left mainland China 300 years ago as part of an exodus instigated by the fall of the

In Balkan War, Many Parties Are Culpable

ing.

To the Editor: You report (news article, March 18) on the hysterical reaction in Germany to the writer Peter Handke, who took the heretical step of suggesting that the conflict in the former Yugoslavia could not be reduced to a formula of good versus evil.

When George Kenney, a former bined. state Departm nt official, c

and suffering in this war was less than often reported does not automatically suggest that that person sympathizes with ethnic extremists. There are as many Serbs who bave been ethnically cleansed from Bosnia and Croatia as Bosnian Muslim and Croatian refugees com-

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from their reductionist national land scape. Surely, Jews were taken as prime examples of a persistent form of nonconformity. But many others fell under this heading, too,

Anti-Semitism seems more appropriately portrayed as part of the, larger syndrome that even today lurks within our society: in-group; exclusivity. Such exclusivity reduces social values to oarrow categories of particular beliefs, practices and dentities.

By contrast; phuralistic thinking and behaving require nurturing in classrooms and social institutions lest we close our doors not only to immigrants and free thinkers but also to our national commitment to build a just society inclusive of and invigorated by personal differ-DAVID M. BOSSMAN ences. Prof. of Jewish-Christian Studies

Seton Hall University South Orange, N.J., March 18, 1996

No Blanket Indictment To the Editor:

David Jonah Goldhagen (Op-Ed. March 17) recounts how ordinary Germans volunteered with zeal to carry out the Holocaust. This popular support, Mr. Goldhagen rightly argues, should be recognized and condemned for the crime against humanity that it was. '

In remembering and understanding these historical events, it is easy to ascribe to Germans (all Germans) atavistic traits of barbarism, xenophobia and civil passivity. Such race-based stereotypes, which try to explain the genocide, are troubling to me, a first-generation German-American.

When Americans arrived in my mother's town of Weilburg, Germany, in 1945, her father saw how difficult it would be for the Americans to separate the guilty from the innocent

He described it as a wagon being pulled down a muddy main street by wild, out-of-control horses: "If you see a man spattered with mud, you cannot easily tell whether he was encouraging the horses or trying to bring them to a stop."

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The blood of the Holocaust spattered all Germans, and it is tempting to condemn Germans as a group. But individuals committed these acts, and they must be judged individual-ERIC S. MULLER lv. Washington, March 18, 1996

A Contradiction? To the Editor:

Re "The People's Holocaust" (Op-EU; March 17); Having ' read; in manuscript, Daniel Jonah: Goldhagen'ss forthcoming book, "Hitler's 4 Willing Executioners: Ordinary Germans and the Holocaust," I appreciate his effort to show that the German people in their vast majority, and not just a murderons elite, were responsible for the Holocaust,

Mr. Goldhagen compares the



popular support for the systematic

slaughter of Jews in the Holocaust.

While this point is well taken, re-

inforcing the need for Holocaust and

genocide studies in our educational

curriculums, a more fundamental

social and educational issue re-

The Nazis inspired within the Ger-

man consciousness a motive to

eradicate all oonconforming peoples

Ming dynasty (1368-1644) to the Qing

forces, which were made up of Man-

chus, an ethnic group considered to

Though many crossed the strait to

escape the poverty pervading south-

ern China at the time, many settled

in Taiwan because they did not want

to live as subjects of rulers they

the shipping of imperial treasures

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nese art from the National Palace

Museum in Taipei for the Metropoli-

tan Museum of Art's exhibition in

New York belies your article's impli-

cation that only a minority of the

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New Haven, March 17, 1996

The recent brouhaha over allowing

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be distinct from the Han Chinese.

nize that distinction in the weeks ahead as they weigh the election results and the future of Taiwan.

Lee Teng-hui, who took power eight years ago after Chiang Kai-shek's soo died in office, was elected yesterday in a free vote, the first democratic presidential election in Taiwan. China itself has never chosen its top leader by democratic elections.

Mr. Lee won a resounding victory over his three opponents, including a proponent of independence, because he has brought the island from the vestiges of authoritarianism to a level of political freedom rare in Asia. Mr. Lee has also presided over a doubling of Taiwanese living standards since he assumed nower.

But if the voters' concerns were primarily domestic, the question of Taiwan's current and future status clearly influenced the campaign. Mr. Lee appears determined to prevent reunification with China as long as the Communist Government remains in power in Beijing, but he stops sbort of openly supporting Taiwanese independence. Like most Taiwanese, he has no taste for a military confrontation with China that Taiwan cannot win.

China's recent missile tests and military exercises in the Taiwan Strait failed to frighten voters away from Mr. Lee. If anything, China's belligerence backfired not only on Taiwan, but across Asia and in Washington. Beijing's willingness to threaten military force for political ends bas shaken the region's assumptions about China's peaceful intentions.

Taiwan today is neither an independent country nor a province governed by Beijing. Its ambiguous a year ago.

Strengthened by his election, Mr. Lee should oow try to steer relations with China back to a state of equilibrium. China, for its part, should end the military intimidation and threatening rhetoric.

There is an increasingly strong case to be made for eventual Talwanese independence, as islanders grow used to political and economic freedoms that would probably not survive under Communist rule. But for now the cost of pressing that case including possible Chinese disruptions of Taiwan's trade-based economy -- would exceed any potential gain. Mr. Lee should concentrate on building and protecting the freedoms and informal autonomy Taiwan already enjoys.

The United States was right to send warships to stand by Taiwan's coast to counter the Chinese threats. Now it should encourage both sides to step back from confrontation and return to the mutually advantageous cooperation they were pursuing only

Jackie: Going, Going, Gone

On April 23, an auctioneer at New York's Sotheby's will start the bidding on furniture, jewelry and odds and ends belonging to one of this century's most famous women. She was also one of its most private, a circumstance seemingly at odds with her family's putting up her lares and penates for public consumption. It is oot.

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What the heirs of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis are selling is either distinguished but not to their taste (some charming drawings, for example, and a Regency games table) or undistinguished (a threelegged stool) or redundant (the Bostoo rocker is only one of several owned by J.F.K.). There is miscellaneous jewelry ranging from fake pearls to a boar's tooth necklace. There are wedding presents from the Onassis family. It is safe to assume that there was little argument about whether to sell the Timex watch.

The estimate for the sale is \$5 million, but the tally is likely to surpass that sum. There is a whole world out there just longing to own a piece of Jackie, even if it is only a copy of the auction catalogue. which is 584 pages long, costs \$90 in bardcover and \$45 in paperback and, at 38,000 orders, has already outclassed Sotheby's previous best seiler, the Andy Warhol tome, by 8,000.

From the summer day in 1953 when she married the junior Senator from Massachusetts, Jacqueline Kennedy captured the American imagina-

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tion. Part of the fascination was her style. She was chic when most politicians' wives were dowdy and down-home. The other part was the shrewdness that told ber durable fame lies in keeping your audience clamoring for more - and not giving it to them.

That she did, throughout her years as First Lady, as First Widow, as partner in a seemingly inexplicable secood marriage and as a committed New Yorker. We saw her in Central Park, going to work, going to parties. We heard her raising her voice (distinctive, whispery, the kind you bave to bend an ear to) for landmarks preservation. But ber life was ber secret, and stayed so until she died two years ago at 64.

At some household auctions, it is possible to add up the bits and pieces of the seller's life. That is not true of this auction. It does not evoke Jackie as the jewelry the Duke of Windsor had made for his Duchess evoked Wallis Simpson. The most valuable jewelry in the auction is, in fact, the stuff she got from Aristotle Onassis. Elaborate, almost gaudy, it calls forth the wife of a Greek oil baron and not the widow of an American President.

Still those who buy the initialed black cigarette lighter, or the French grammar that she drew in while a student at Farmington, will have bought their little bit of Jackie. The whole Jackie, however, is in death as she was in life — elusive, always a step beyond ber fans.

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department in 1992 to protest a United States policy that he believed rewarded Serbian aggression, he was bailed by some. However, Mr. Kenney has since modified his perspective. He says the Croats and Bosnian Muslims are not innocent lambs and that the figure of 250,000 Muslim war dead is a Bosnian Government invention. His figures, from Red Cross and United Nations sources, estimate 25,000 to 60,000 deaths in the Balkan war.

Mai, Gen. Lewis W. Mackenzie, the former United Nations Commander in Sarajevo, contends that both sides violated cease-fires and that the Bosnian Government often provoked Serb retaliation to pander to the news media.

Just because someone suggests that the asymmetry of violence

Child Welfare Will Suffer Under Block Grants

To the Editor:

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That child protection systems in 21 states are under court supervision (front page, March 17) does little to inspire public confidence. Child abuse and neglect reports in the United States have increased 63 percent over the last decade. In 1994 a million cases were added to an overburdened system.

That is why it is appalling that Congress is considering converting minimal child protection programs into block grants to the states. These block grant proposals would end the entitlement of abused children to get aid and help when they need it most. Each state could decide which children are entitled to protection.

Last week I was in Washington to talk about these issues that affect children and families. These days the halls of Congress are filled with lobbyists protecting corporate clients from government cutbacks. There are few lobbyists for children.

Children have no vote and virtuaily no voice.

It's up to us to tell Congress to reject the National Governors Association's child protection block grant olan. RICHARD L. JONES Pres., Ctr. for Families and Children Cleveland, March 18, 1996

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Duquesne University Pittsburgh, March 18, 1996

Like, as in Grammar To the Editor:

Richard Klein (Op-Ed, March 18) faults the curriculum guidelines of the National Council of Teachers of English for "execrable prose," specifically for overuse of the preposition "of."

Then he says we should do "like the French do," apparently innocent of the fact that "like" can be a verb, an adjective, a noun or even a preposition but not a conjunction. Well, like, I don't want to make a hig deal Enward McCamy of it.

Alfred, N.Y., March 19, 1996

That at least 21 states are under court supervision because they failed to take proper care of abused children (front page, March 17) highlights education reform's most troublesome aspect: the assumption that we can fix the schools so that the schools can fix the children, no matter what we do to them in families,

communities and foster care. For the growing number of American children neglected and mistreated by those who are supposed to beip them, standards for a decent life should come ahead of standards for academic learning.

The Federal Government must continue to require that youngsters who are at the bottom of the social ladder get their constitutionai rights. The states are not doing HAROLD HOWE 2n

Concord, Mass., March 18, 1996



of murder by the Germans to the slaughter perpetrated by Turks against Armenians, by Hutus against Tutsis, by the Khmer Rouge against Cambodians and by Serbs against Bosnian Muslims. According to Mr. Goldhagen, these societies were willing executioners like the Germans. Mr. Goldhagen, baving done research over many years and having written a book to show that the Germans were unique in supporting what he has called "eliminationist anti-Semitism," would now seem to contradict what he once wrote: in his Op-Ed article, the murderers were ordinary men, just like Hutus, Serbs, Turks or Khmer. Is this what he believes? YEHUDA BAUER Margate, N.J., March 18, 1996

The writer is chairmon, Holocaust studies department, Hebrew U.

Justice Dept. Argued To Affirm Forfeiture

To the Editor:

Michael Zeldin, a former Justice Department official, asserts (letter, March 15) that your March 8 editorial criticizing the Clinton Administration's position in the Bennis v. Michigan case was unfounded.

This is the case in which the Supreme Court upheld the forfeiture of a wife's interest in a car that was used by her husband to solicit a prostitute.

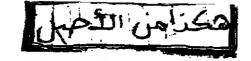
Mr. Zeldin observes that the Administration advocated a standard of protection for innocent owners who could prove that they had taken "all reasonable steps" to prevent misuse of their property.

What he does not say is that although the State of Michigan conceded that Tina Bennis, my client, had no knowledge of her husband's misuse of the family car, the Justice Department argued that Mrs. Bennis did not "allege or prove that she took all reasonable steps to prevent illegal use of the car."

Thus, the Government asserted, the forfeiture of her interest in the car "should be affirmed."

Contrary to Mr. Zeldin's assertion, the Justice Department lawyer took the same position at oral argument

If the Clinton Administration be lieves that the Bennis ruling represents a serious breach of our constitutional freedoms - and that Tina Bennis has been treated unjustly -1 invite it to join in the almost universal condemnation of this deci-Sion_ STEFAN B. HERPEL Ann Arbor, Mich., March 20, 1996



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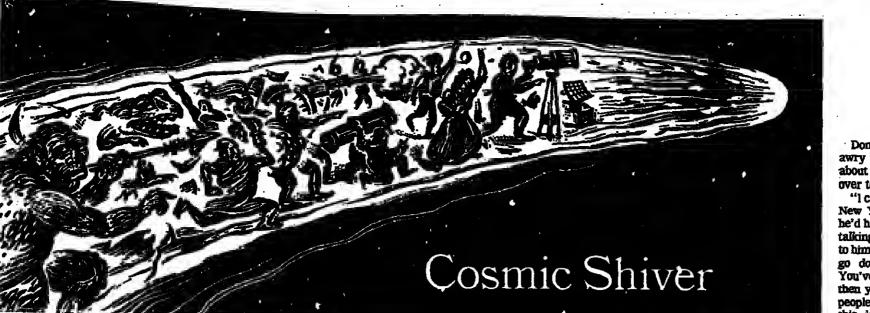
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STONE RIDGE, N.Y. write this with trembling bands, because I haven't yet seen Comet Hyakutake - the great spring comet that silently invaded our skies last week. Tomorrow will be the Night of the Comet, when it will be a mere 10 million miles from Earth and appear fat as a full moon, although much dimmer. An amateur astronomer who saw its tail last week reported on the Great Canadian Hairy Star Party (one of the dozens of World Wide Web sites that have sprung up to celebrate the apparition) that it literally sent a shiver down his spine. "Now I know why comets used to frighten people," he wrote.

That's a different kind of shiver than one gets from watching the stock market drop 171 points on news of rising employment. I want to experience that shiver, that primordial tin-

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gle - and I'm not the only one. Around the Northern Hemisphere, amateur astronomers are succumbing to comet fever, staying up all night in the still freezing darkness, straggling into work bleary-eyed with cosmic visions. Beauty, the poet Rainer Maria Ril-

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ke said, is dimly perceived terror. And the fairy glow of comets has a long history of producing a delicious shiver in human psyches. A fourth-century B.C. Chinese booklet listed 27 different forms of comets and the disasters they presaged, from wars to famines. The Stoic philosopher Seneca attributed comets' power to their airy contravention of the established order appearing without warning. Shakespeare, following Augustus Caesar himself, linked the assassination of Julius Caesar with the great comet of 44 B.C. Milton imagined pestilence and war raining from the comet's tail as If from Satan's hair. In 1910, people took pills to protect against poison gas

in the tail of Halley's Comet. Of course we know now from spacecraft photos that comets are just blackened snowballs volatilizing in the sunlight. Save being locked in a room with Patrick Buchanan, a good case of Old Testament cosmic dread is hard of the worst winter on record in the to come by in this age of machines. Any of us can download images taken from the Hubble Space Telescope of galaxies billions of light-years away. Some can even explain how those images are procured. But none of us can really comprehend the immensity of the gulfs of space and time they portray. Who can measure bis stride against a light year?

Ten years ago this week, I was standing in the Australian outback with several thousand other astronomical tourists waiting for Halley's Comet, looking forward to a dose of Rilkean terror. Halley was long on science - it spawned the launch of a half dozen spacecraft -- but short on pyrotechnics. The lesson being that the universe is a big place, and the show's not always going to be for you.

Astronomers bad been touting Comet Hale-Bopp, due a year from oow, as the next Great Comet. Then in January a Japanese amateur, Yuji Hyakutake, saw through his binoculars a smudgy patch of light near the constellation Libra. A Great Comet was already on our doorstep.

Comet Hyakutake is a gift at the end

East. If it means anything, let it mean spring. It could be a vision for the ages, a pearly smoosh staring down over Central Park like the eye of God. Or it could fizzle. I'm trembling because I don't want to be fooled again. Surprise is the signature of cometary astronomy. We are hostages of

Bill Rostel

Comet Hyakutake is a gift from the heavens.

the universe. But not all news that arrives in the middle of the night is bad. More than we like to admit it, things bappen and we don't know why, The space shuttle tether snaps, the stock market goes up, the ozone layer goes down, the Einstein manuscript doesn't sell.

Later, of course, we always manage to come up with an explanation. Just as in bindsight we can find a catastrophe for every comet: Halley's feeble appearance was bracketed by the Challenger explosion and the Chernobyl accident. We will find reasons. But for a moment we're clueless, like children reduced to staring.

This time, the show really is for us, Later this week, we will reconvince ourselves that we are masters of the universe with our ever more clever Web browsers, our genome maps and our hedge funds. But tomorrow it will be O.K. to feel that old primordial tingle on the hairs on the back of your neck. Pray for clear skies. . 🗅

Don Imus knew something was awry when he made a raunchy joke about President Clinton and looked over to check his reaction.

"I can't even describe his face." the New York radio show host said. "If he'd had a gun, ne'd a shot me. I was talking to him like I was sitting next to him on a bar stool. I did not want to go down there and be a weasel. You've got a big mouth on radio and then you say it face to face to these people and it's a different story. All this is hypocrisy. It was watered down, believe me. I wanted to have a joke about how the President could combat charges of womanizing by becoming a Mormon. And if we had four or five First Ladies, America was bound to like one of them."

Nobody in the capital is talking about China or Colin Powell. All anyone can talk about is Don Imus. His after-dinner monologue before the media and political establishment at the Radio-Television Correspondents Association dinner Thursday bas thrown the capital into a kerfuffle. With the Clintons trapped on the

dais, growing more and more uncomfortable - "I heard the First Lady say, 'Oh, my God,' when I did the joke about Peter Jennings and the intern," Mr. Imus recalls - the cadaverous comedian did 30 minutes of the same tasteless, over-the-top, disrespectful bumor he has been doing on radio for a quarter of a century. But, somehow, the company was shocked, shocked, that the shock jock was shocking.

The black-tie audience looked as if it was caught in a "Friday the 13th" movie, half-smiles frozen. "I didn't have much time," Mr. Imus mused afterward. "And there were so many people to butcher."

Whoever thought we'd need a Vchip for C-SPAN? Michael McCurry, the White House spokesman, called C-SPAN-executives and asked them not to rebroadcast the "tasteless" monologue. C-SPAN refused. The most boring and polite channel on earth had never before been accused of pandering, licentiousness and bad taste. But it recognized a hit when it saw one. After those endless hours trained on a deserted Senate chamber, C-SPAN cameras bad captured the stunning spectacle of a cherished Washington

titual imploding. The Radio-Television Correspondents Association sent a letter of apology to the President, and the media

WASHINGTON stars and pols who do guest spots on the Imus show began, as one put it, "running for the hills."

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Cokie Roberts of ABC said she would never go on again, noting, "You can't make fun of the President when he's sitting right there."

But it was the President, after all, who "certified Imus's influence," as New York Magazine put it, when he went on the show during the 1992 New York primary. To go over the head of the establishment media, Mr. Clinton traded down to Imus, Phil Donahue and MTV. Mr. Imus called him "Bubba," and Mr. Clinton said Bubba was Southern for "mensch."

Mr. Clinton was playing with fire. The candidate who used Mr. Imus to showcase his populism is now the President who wants more respect. But the Bubba jokes are coming home to roost.

Bubba

no more.

Washington press dinners are based on a charade. If political humor is going to be really funny, it has to be impolite. But the press and the pois want to cozy up, so the comedy is supposed to singe but never burn, as the Gridiron motto goes.

Mr. Imus may have been coarser than his predecessors, but I remember cringing as I watched Paula Poundstone go after President Bush at a White House press dinner, and again another year when Sinbad taunted Barbara Bush about looking like a grandmother.

The President and First Lady should not have to subject themselves to evenings like this, fraternizing with their critics and getting roasted by what Tom Brokaw calls 'low-rent lounge acts."

And Don Imus should not be expected to be Garrison Keillor, "You put a shark in the bathtub, it's gonna eat the fish," says Jeff Greenfield of ABC. "Did they expect Bob Hope material about Clinton's golf game?"

White House officials snubbed Mr. Imus after his speech. I asked the tormentor how it feels to be the partah. "It doesn't get any better than this," be said, with a low chuckle.

ANCIENT SEALS - A GIFT FOR TODAY

Clinton's Gunboat Diplomacy

By James Shinn

revelers made their way home through the streets of Taipei yesterday after celebrating Taiwan's first democratic presidential election, Beijing and Washington

were no doubt sharing some sobering reflections. For 20 years, Taiwan bas been suspended in strategic ambiguity, with the United States saying, in effect, "If Taiwan declares independence, don't count on us; if China invades Taiwan, don't count us out." Now this ambiguUnited States stands alone on Talwan. Japan and South Korea would likely resist using American bases on their soil in a conflict with China. Our security system in Asia could unravel. If Mr. Clinton asks his pollsters.

they will tell him that Talwan is not a popular issue with the American public. Only 26 percent favor sending in the carriers; only 29 percent support the use of American troops if China invades.

If he listens to his generals, they will · tell him that aircraft carriers can win any battle around Taiwan - but then wbat? If China keeps up military pressure on the island, what is the Seventh Fleet supposed to do? Bombs away? ambiguity, that if Taiwan declares China bas a vibrant economy, a huge army and nuclear weapons. So whom did Bill Clinton listen to? Probably his campaign advisers, who may well have argued that despite the polls, military muscle-flexing in an election year is usually worth a few million votes. The President can bask in the statesman's limelight, which is more fun than haggling with Newt Gingrich over the budget. But bow statesmanlike is it to risk a

Taiwan's election, and ours.

aircraft carriers when the Chinese

threaten Taiwan, yet we epibrace Boris, Yeltsin when he slaughters 30,000 citizens in Chechinya. Where to go from here? For starters, the White House should state clearly, with more realism and less

ity has been shattered. China's missile tests and military

exercises, while provocative, fell short of an invasion. Why did President Clinton up the ante so drastically, sending in the nuclear gunboats and discarding a Taiwan policy that had stood the test of two decades? If Mr. Clinton consults his diplomatic advisers, they will point out that Taiwan bas no allies in Asia. In con-

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trast to the Desert Storm coalition that fought the Persian Gulf war, the battle with the wrong adversary? China is not a rogue regime and not necessarily fated to be an enemy. It is not the Evil Empire, yet we hold Beijing to a barsher standard than we apply to Moscow today. We deploy

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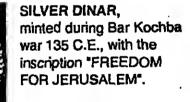
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independence, count us out; if China invades, count us in. But withdraw the gunboats now. Shove Taipei to restart negotiations with Beijing on peaceful reunification - with China accepting Taiwan's legitimate "international space" for economic and cultural purposes, in exchange for Taiwan's renouncing any bid for polltical independence. And hope that booming cross-strait trade and investment will strengthen the hand of moderate voices on both sides.

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In many ways the immediate Taiwan crisis ended two weeks ago. On March 8, the U.S. national security adviser, Anthony Lake, met privately with his Chinese counterpart, Liu Hua Qui, at Pamela Harriman's farm in Middleburg, Va. The conclusion of their daylong meeting was an

would not use military force to re-

solve its current dispute with Taipei.

But having defused the short-term

crisis, both sides understood that a

longer-term deal had to be struck

that would stabilize relations be-

tween China and Taiwan. There is

such a deal to be bad. This is not a

Taiwan's newly elected President,

Lee Teng-bui, should vow that Taiwan

will not now pursue full independence

by seeking membership in institutions

such as the U.N., and China should

vow that while it remains committed

to eventual reunification with Taiwan,

it will only seek to accomplish this

through peaceful means. In exchange

for assurances from Taiwan that it

will not pursue creeping, unilateral

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be anything from observer status in

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China-Taiwan: the deal.

transform China into a state that Taiwan could more easily coexist with. Beijing, meanwhile, could claim victory - that its sovereignty was not

isn't a subtle, long-term deal to be had. What worries me is that there aren't the subtle deal makers to make

In Beijing, China's now-incapacitated Deng Xiaoping was the sort of leader who could strike a tough, nuanced deal. But Mr. Deng's successor, Jiang Zemin, doesn't have such clout, and in the ongoing power struggle in Beijing, Mr. Jiang's rivals seem intent on using any sign of nuance on his part regarding Taiwan as a sign of weakness to be turoed against him.

In Taiwan, President Lee deserves great credit for skillfully shepherding his country to democracy. But he is a complicated man - born in Taiwan, educated in Japan and America. His beart is Taiwanese, his grammar is Japanese, his ideals Western and his leadership style Confucian aloofness. Mr. Lee does not have a good feel for mainland China, and by winning 54 percent of the vote in the presidential election, I fear be may get even more cocky in his dealings with Beijing. As for the rest of Asia, I recently

"understanding" that went like this: The U.S. would use its influence to try to restrain Taiwan from any more far-reaching moves toward inbeing dismembered. dependence, and in return Beijing What worries me is not that there

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statesmen and asked him why Japan, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand didn't play a more assertive role with China and help the U.S. resolve the crisis. He answered: "China has been around here for 3,000 years. The U.S. has been out here in Asla for about 50 years. We figure you're maybe good for another 20 years. But after that you'll be gone, and we'll be left here alone with China. We can't afford a con-

met with one of the region's elder

frontation." Thanks a lot. Finally, in Washington, the Clinton Administration has been all over the board on China. It came in vowing to tame the "dictators in Beijing," then opted for a policy of engagement. But without any adult supervision, every arm of the government (and Congress) just engaged Beijing in its own way, with no overall strategy. U.S. China policy drifted aimlessly, which is one reason why this crisis went as far as it did. It is shocking how little attention China has been given compared with Syria or Israel or Bosnia.

It's time for President Clinton to lead on this issue. He will be in Japan in mid-April. Why doesn't he also go to Beijing and try to help foster a new deal between Taiwan and China? If U.S. officials can embrace Slobodan Milosevic, Hafez al-Assad and Boris Yeitsin (who has killed a lot more civilians in Chechnya than the Chinese ever did in Tiananmen), then they can have a sustained dialogue with the Chinese. The opportunities are so great. The stakes are so high. It would be nice if at least one statesman rose to the occasion. Who knows, others might just follow.

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How Three Tenors Became a Marketing Juggernaut

By RALPH BLUMENTHAL

HE idea was big, and fittingly it came from the big man himself, Luciano Pavarotti. It came to him at a big event, the 1994 sellout "Three Tenors" concert at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles, an extrava-ganza beamed to 1.3 billion television viewers worldwide, four years after the trio's smash debut in the ruins of ancient Rome, which generated the largest-selling classical recording of all time.

Backstage at the stadium, behind the mock rain forest, with its fourstory waterfalls and pseudo-classical pillars, Mr. Pavarotti turned to his parmers, José Carreras and Plácido Domingo, and said (as he later rendered it in his fluid if slightly stilted English): "Why not doing this around the world?"

And so it has come to pass. In June, the tenors will embark on a ballyhooed four-continent circuit of some of the world's largest outdoor arenas -- "Three Tenors III," in effect. Already it is growing to colossal proportioos in a triumph of marketing and song. The original five stops - including one American appearance, at Giants Stadium on July 20 -- have ballooned to at least nine, counting newly booked concerts in Goteborg, Sweden, and Düsseldorf, Germany, and a New Year's Eve gala yet to be announced. There are also plans for a concert at the World Cup soccer championship in Paris in 1998

Although the onslaught is still aimost three months off, the heart of the event, the marketing, is already churning at full tilt. Crews around the world have been working for months readying and tuning instruments of commerce and technology that render the musical instruments almost incidental. The "Three Tenors" phenomenon has become an indomitable force.

But music aside, as skeptics say it is, could these bookings overexpose an act that has already been beamed to half the world's population - and recently became a running gag on "Seinfeld"? It is a risk the tenors are willing to take.

"If it's too much, we don't do any more," said Mr. Pavarotti in a recent conversation from Barbados, where he was vacationing. "But for the moment, it's better we do while we are still here."

The repertory should hold few sur-prises, he said: "More or less the same as last time." So get ready again for the likes of "Granada," "La donna' e mobile," "Vesti la giubba," a medley of "My Way," "Moon River" and "Singin' in the Rain," and Mr. Pavarotti's signacrowd-pleaser, ture "Nessun dorma" from "Turandot."

If it's not high operatic art, it's



people thought he was betraying opera.'

Even the three tenors' propensity to mix arias with pop repertory has venerable precedents, Mr. Dickstein added. The early operatic tradition was much more open to opera lite, including operetta and Neapolitan songs. Wagner, he explained, helped steer opera toward serious, unified productions. Verdi, on the other hand, might have fancied "The Three Tenors.

"Americans have a long history of adoration of the virtuoso," said the cultural historian Ann Douglas, author of "Terrible Honesty: Mongrel Manhattan in the 1920's." At times, she said, the fixations have verged on the campy, as when Caruso was lured to the vaudeville stage to appear with Al Jolson.

"It's as if we say, 'The great artists are ours; we can rough them up, have fun with them," " she said. At times, sbe added, the three tenors "seem on the edge of satirizing

Tibor-Rudas, Mr. Pavarotti's Hungarian-born promoter, disdains the carping of music and social critics. 'We didn't realize in Rome that we created the Beatles for the senior citizens," he said. "It's something the people have been waiting for for ng time. Only nobody knew they

bout with leukemia. Indeed, all three donated their portions of ticket revenues to charity.

Mr. Dradi, who declined to be interviewed, sold recording rights to Decca/London for a large fixed fee, which provided for no royalties to the artists. "We wanted to pay a royalty and share the risks," Roland Kommerell, Decca's president, said recently from his office in London. But Mr. Dradi rejected the offer in favor of a one-time payment that Mr. Kommerell described as "a horrendous mountain of risk" for the labe). When, to almost everyone's amazement, the concert and the record emerged as a sensation, Decca reaped the profits.

We got nothing," said Mr. Pavarotti, who has an exclusive recording contract with Decca, A deal was a deal, he maintained, and he had no complaints. But Mr. Domingo was furious and has ostracized Decca ever since. "Plácido suspects us of paving Pavarotti a royalty," Mr. Kommerell said He denied it and shrugged off the fracas. "We pushed the frontiers oulte far." he said. "Now it's like the real-estate business.

The tenors were not about to make the same mistake four years later. This time, Mr. Rudas was the presenter. Born in Budapest in 1926, he enjoying with the 'Three Tenors' is sheerly a result of these two men entrusting me with their remarkable talent and allowing me to work on their behalf," Mr. Hoffmann said. He put his company's annual gross at \$130 million

Still, in 1990, he, like Mr. Rudas, was reduced to watching, amazed, as his clients catapulted to new fame as part of a trio in Rome. He was not resentful, he insisted. "I said I will have a huge beoefit out of this. It was a changing of the classical concert business. I was happy, happy, hap-

Yet when Los Angeles beckoned four years later, he was too slow off the mark. "Let's face it," he said. "Rudas did his homework. He was the first to go to the football people in Los Angeles and say, 'Give me the rights.' I was not tough enough. But I was sure that when this is done and there should be another 'Three Tenors,' I must be the one.

The tenors, too, had learned their

about \$1 million each plus royalties. The coocert was recorded by Warner and telecast to more than 100 countries. Not surprisingly, given its runaway commercial as well as popular success. Mr. Pavarotti quickly rallied his partners for the world tour.

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Finally, it was Mr. Hoffmann's turn. But he was sobered to learn that Mr. Rudas's 1994 contracts with Warper barred lucrative recording or international telecasting rights until 1998.

The tenors, for their part, were dismayed to learn that Mr. Mehta's bookings left him unavailable to conduct, and they talked of postponing the tour. "Postpone it?" Mr. Hoffmann responded. After he had gotten all three together? Soon they all endorsed Mr. Levine.

Mr. Hoffmann had other aces up his sleeve. Arguing that a "Three Tenors" concert would bring a commercial windfall wherever it might alight, he played off arena against lesson. This, time, they were paid arena, angling for the best terms and undisclosed city."

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The Giants Stadium concert. moreover, will be carried to a potential audience of hundreds of thousands on pay-per-view television at \$30 per viewing. Domestic telecasts in the other countries visited are also planned. Additional commercial opportunities include sales of programs and souvenirs and payments from sponsors and "media partners.'

Working around crowded opera and recital calendars, Mr. Hoffmann and the tenors agreed last fall on a five-city tour with stops this summer in Tokyo, London, New York and Munich and next March in Mel-bourne. A sixth was wedged in this July in Vienna.

But in recent weeks the schedule has grown more hectic, with the added concerts in Goteborg and Düssel-: dorf, and another under discussion for Johannesburg. A concert is planned for New Year's Eve in an eduction of the . Aut 197

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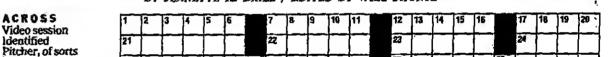
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three European cities.

aimed unashamedly at a vast, adoring and financially supportive audience. From the moment the three kick off their tour in Tokyo on June 29, records - the Guinness kind are likely to go flying.

The tour is costing the promoter, Matthias Hoffmann ol Mannheim, Germany, about \$100 million (including an insurance bill of \$1.5 million to cover refunds in case of cancellation). If all 500,000 seats are sold at an average price of \$240 each, ticket revenues would reach \$120 million, not counting merchandizing tie-ins, pay-per-view and other television rights.

For their appearances, Maestros Carreras, Domingo and Pavarotti stand to make close to \$10 million each: about \$500,000 per concert in fees and a like amount in licensing income. James Levine, who is replacing Zubin Mehta as conductor. will get a flat \$500,000 per concert.

"Good money, ch?" Mr. Pavarotti said. "By God, it's good money!" Whewl Was classical music ever like this? No and yes.

The numbers are certainly groundbreaking. In their first two concerts, the tenors reached a combined television audience of about two billion people. Audio and video recordings have sold 23 million copies, to become far and away the bestselling classical recordings of all time (more or less matching what Michael Jackson achieved with a single album, "Dangerous," in 1991).

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Clearly, even for tenors - who have historically won adulation for their acrobatics on the high C's the three have achieved an enviable crossover: opera singers adored like rock stars, classical icons clasped to the collective bosom of millions of fans who have never stepped inside an opera house. But although modern technology has spectacularly magnified the effect, the phenomenon itself is hardly unique.

"I wonder if P. T. Barnum would have anything to learn from today's marketing," said Morris Dickstein, a cultural historian at the Graduate School of the City University of New York, Barnum, the shameless showman, repackaged the soprano Jenny Lind as a popular attraction and booked her around the tent circuit that served as the mass entertainment of the 19th century.

"Classical music has always brought us a few superstars, usually in opera," said Mr. Dickstein. Certainly, the tenor Enrico Caruso, who lived from 1873 to 1921, was a cult figure who inspired widespread fan hysteria in his prime. "I'm sure that when he made his first recordings for RCA Victor," Mr. Dickstein said,

were waiting for it." Michael Sampliner, the New York

director of Hoffmann Concerts, agrees: "You could say the three tenors have created their own form of alternative music."

Mr. Hoffmann does not begrudge the tenors their hefty fees. "If Janet Jackson can sign a deal for \$80 million," be said, "the three tenors are totally, totally underpaid."

Whatever the ultimate musical judgments, the marketing blitz seems clearly aimed at fomenting a global tenor mania.

Behind the latest hoopla is a modero-day tale of Hoffmann -- Matthias Hoffmann, that is, promoter of Mr. Carreras and Mr. Domingo. By persistence or default, Mr. Hoffmann assumed the presenter's role from Mr. Rudas, a Las Vegastrained impresario who put on the Los Angeles concert during the last World Cup festivities.

Mr. Hoffmann, a 45-year-old entrepreneur who dropped out of Mannheim University in 1970 to present a rock festival that became known as the German Woodstock, said that Mr. Pavarotti worried initially that no promoter would be crazy enough to take on an international tour of such proportions. Whereupoo Mr. Carreras and Mr. Domingo respooded more or less in unison, "Oh, we have one, and he's crazy and waits for nothing more than to do a 'Three Tenors' concert." Mr. Pavarotti said he was at first dubious about putting the tour in the hands of any promoter other than his own, but he realized that his colleagues' promoter deserved a chance.

Mr. Hoffmann said that he had offered to make Mr. Rudas a joint presenter of the tour - sharing both risk and potential profits - but that Mr. Rudas declined. Instead, Mr. Rudas sold Mr. Hoffmann his Los Angeles production to insure the quality of amplified sound and lighting at the concerts for around \$500,000. "I would have been prepared to present ; yes, I would have, but I'm a very fair man," Mr. Rudas said from his office in Pacific Grove, Calif. "It was quite a fair request."

Feelings are still sensitive from the experience of the first "Three Tenors" concert in Rome. That event, timed to the 1990. World Cup finals and staged in the Baths of Caracalla before 8,000 spectators, was presented by an Italian concert manager, Mario Dradi of Bologna. The tenors, who had already turned away some 50 offers to sing together, agreed this time, they explained, as a way of celebrating the soccer

championship and hailing Mr. Carreras's comeback after a near-fatal

studied voice and toured Europe singing in variety shows before establishing a dance studio in Australia. He took his "French style revues" to Las Vegas in 1963 and expanded into casino entertainment, including classical performances, in Atlantic City. In 1982, Mr. Rudas hooked up with Mr. Pavarotti, presenting him first in a tent in Atlantic City, then in recitals and arenas around the world. Shrewdly, Mr. Rudas made the

concerts attractive to television. "These TV shows brought him more and more to the crowd and away from the opera," Mr. Rudas recalled. "I just proved that he has another audience." Actually, Mr. Pavarotti had already been introduced to movie audiences in 1982 as a lovable Lothario in the film "Yes, Giorgiq.'

When the World Cup matches came to the United States for the first time in 1994, Mr. Rudas contracted with soccer authorities to provide the closing entertainment. With the arena locked up and Mr. Pavarotti in his stable, he was in position for his coup: the return of 'The Three Tenors.'

Mr. Rudas was still shy two tenors, but their promoter, Mr. Hoffmann, recognized that he had been outmaneuvered and could do little but allow his counterpart to put up the money and collect the profits. "Tibor Rudas is an old fox," he said admiringly.

Mr. Hoffmann's beginnings as a concert promoter did not go back as far as Mr. Rudas's, and his rise was more precipitous. Born in 1951 to two music teachers, he left the economics program at Mannheim University at 19 to organize what became the British Rock Meetings in Speyer, open-air concerts that drew crowds of 100,000 to hear Pink Floyd, Deep Purple and the Doors.

By the 80's, be had founded his own concert bureau in Mannheim He met Mr. Carreras in the mid-80's and, drawing on his experiences as a rock promoter, booked him as a V.I.P., arranging for limousines, bodyguards and other trappings of celebrity, and taking out full-page ads in newspapers to announce his appearances.

"Half a year later," Mr. Hoffmann 108 Bounce 109 Cruise ship freebies said, "José Carreras was a famous person in Germany." Word spread to Mr. Domingo, who also became a client. Then Mr. Carreras took ill, battling cancer. But after his strik-119 Pulitzer author ing recovery, be returned to the 120 Feminine name Noffmann fold.

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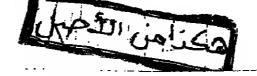
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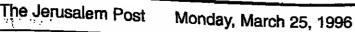
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Turkey's Jewish community lives on

Very Saturday a quorum-plus of Istanbul Jews drives across the bridge over the Bosporus. They cross from the European side of the city to a suburb on the Asian side for Sabbath services. Although nominally Orthodox, by driving on the Sabbath they breach Jewish law but do so in order to preserve Jewisb heritage.

There are two very old and beautiful synagogues there, but no Jews live in the area anynore," says Suzan Tarablus, editor of the Turkish Jewish weekly, Shalom.

The same people travel across every Saturday to keep the synagogues working. In summer they pray in one, in winter in the other."

Tarablus was one of the journalists accompanying Turkish president Suleyman Demirel on his visit to Israel last week. Also in Demirel's party were six representatives of Turkey's lewisb community, including the first Jewish member of parliament in 38 years, Jeffy Kamhi

The attempt to breathe life into the old synagogues is part of an uphill fight by a shrinking lewish community to nurture its ricb tradition. The flowering of the Jewisb presence in the Ottoman Empire dates from the arrival of expellees from the Iberian peninsula five centuries ago.

After 1948, there was a massive outflow when 120,000 Turkish Jews left for Israel. The week before last Demirel visited Bat Yam, where many of them live, and was engulfed by an enthusiastic crowd which he addressed in Turkish. "He was so moved," says Tarablus, that be declared 'I am a Bat Yamer.'

Some 25,000 Jews remain in Turkey, of whom 22,000 live in Istanbul and 2,500 in Izmir. Most are from old families but there are also some 3,000-4,000 Ashkenazi Jews of more recent origin.

The Ashkenazim bave their own rabbis but they do not bave a separate communal structure, being integrated into the Sephardi-dominated community. 'They intermingle and intermarry," says Tarablus.

There is also intermarriage outside the faith.



'The Turkish president was so moved,' says Suzan Tarablus, 'that he declared 'I am a Bat Vamer."

"About 25 percent of marriages are now with Christians and Moslems." In addition, many young people leave for the US and some for Israel. The Jewish community in Turkey is a dying community.

There is, however, life in it yet. The economic condition of the Jews is robust. In recent years an increasing number are cboosing to enter into professions rather than go into family businesses. About 20 percent of children attend Jewish schools and many of the remainder continue to belong to Jewish clubs into their mid-teens.

There are 16 operating synagogues in Istanbul alone even though the Jews are better termed traditional than religious.

Tarabhus's newspaper is in Turkish but each issue also contains a page in Ladino, the tradi-tional language of Turkish Jewry. The paper,

with a circulation of 4,500, is self-supporting. We get lots of advertisements from Moslems who see the Jews as people who have money to spend."

Tarablus, who speaks good Hebrew, lived in Israel for two years in the early 1970s shortly after her marriage. "It was the Yom Kippur War that made us

decide to go back.

"I was pregnant and I was shocked by the war. I felt that I wasn't born to live in a country so accustomed to war. [But] I was very unhappy about going back. I come bere often on bebalf of my newspaper and to visit fami-

The rise of Islam in Turkey - most notably the surprisingly strong showing in the recent elections by the Islamic Welfare Party, which came close to participation in a coalition government - is worrying, admits Tarablus.

Islamic candidates have attacked Jews as economic exploiters. When parliament was asked to approve Kamhi joining Demirel's delegation to Israel - a routine request, normally approved without opposition whenever a par-liamentarian is invited to join an official delegation going abroad - several Islamic members voted against.

Nevertheless, says Tarablus, when she inter viewed leaders of the Welfare Party and asked whether they would seek to sever relations with Israel if they formed a government, they replied that the policy of the state would not bange

When Islamic candidates have won local elections in areas with a Jewish community, she says, one of their first moves has been to call on the local chief rabbi as a gesture of

"Still, as a Jew and a Turk, it's not nice to bave a religious party at the end of the 20th century," says Tarablus. "They won 21 percent of the vote [more than any other party]. On the other hand that means that 79 percent didn't vote for them.

"I'm not worried anymore that there might be an Islamic victory in Turkey. Secularism is too deeply rooted by now," she says.

Israel is now kosher enough in the Moslem context for Turkey to court it openly, reports Abraham Rabinovich

Talking Turkey

LMOST unnoticed in the recent media-fest following the Sbarm e-Sheikh conference was the visit by public. Turkisb President Suleyman Demirel to the Israel Aircraft Industries plant where 54 Turkisb

Phantoms are to be upgraded. The \$650 million deal concluded last August not only constitutes a major economic boost to the company - which beat strong American competition for the contract; it is a political achievement for Israel of no small mea-SILITE.

The decision by an important Moslem country to entrust a significant part of its armaments to Israeli upgrading may be a more eloquent acknowledgment of Israel's firm presence in the region than any number of speeches about peace can ever be. Although Turkey wears its Moslem identity lightly, and has had diplomatic relations with

Israel since 1949, until now it bad always avoided any overly warm embrace with the Jewish state. The onset of the peace process

has changed this dramatically. Within one month of the start of the Madrid conference five years ago, Demirel, who was then serving a term as prime minister. moved to upgrade diplomatic relations with Israel from the level of legations to embassies. The Oslo agreements two years ago

boliday. Even if the much talkedled to even more dramatic changes, rendering Israel kosher enough in the Moslem context for of "peace pipeline" via Syria were commercially feasible. Israel would be uneasy about depen-Turkey to be seen with it freely in dence on a source which could be cut at whim by Damascus.

ers.

Since the Oslo accords were reached, there bave been diplo-Shipment of water by boat from matic visits between Israel and Turkey would cost more than desalination, say Israeli officials. Turkey at the highest level. During the past year alone bilater-But the two countries bave al trade has more than doubled, demonstrated that they can be of and the two countries are now disuse to each other politically. cussing mutual problems - read, Israeli ambassadors in all Syria - like potential allies. European Union countries were The possibility of joint military instructed by Jerusalem to call on their Turkish counterparts to offer

exercises was reportedly discussed during a recent visit to Israel by the Turkisb deputy chief of staff and the Phantom deal itself clearly reflects a significantly new level of ease between the two countries.

During his visit - the first by a Turkisb president - Demirel signed four economic agreements, including a free-trade pact which will see tariffs between the two countries eliminated by the year 2000. (The spectacular emergence of Turkey as an Israeli tourist haven, while not in itself a direct result of political developments, does also serve to help cement relations.) Water bas been the most talked-

and Labor in 1984. The agreement subsequently worked out by the leaders of the about subject on the Israelitwo Turkish right-wing parties Turkish agenda but many experts was based on what is even now believe it unlikely that Israelis known there as "the Israeli will ever drink Turkisb water model." except for those who go there on

cials in Jerusalem.

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In the Supreme Court, sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals, before justices Dov Levin, Gavriel Bach, Eliyahu Mazza, Mishael Cheshin and Yitzhak Zamir, in the matter of the State of Israel, appellant, versus Yoram Abutbul, respondent (F.H.[C] 188/94).

BUTBUL was convicted in the Tel Aviv District Court A of rape and other offenses. He appealed to the Supreme Court on the ground that inadmissible evi-

could have influenced the result. The court, by majority decision. allowed the appeal (The Jerusalem Post, January 10, 1994), and the court president acceded to the JUSTICE ZAMIR, delivering the first judgment of the court, dealt first with the interpretation of section 56 of the Evidence Ordinance (New Version) of 1971. It provides that no judgment in a criminal trial sball be based on inadmissible evidence admitted by error or inadvertence; nevertheless, the judgment shall not be invalidated by an appeal court "unless, in the opinion of the court, the accused would not have been convicted if such evidence had not been given, or there was no other sufficient evidence to support conviction." After a close analysis of the section, and citing precedents, he held that either of the tests laid down was sufficient for invalidating the conviction. The English original, repeated above, used the word "or." and section 34(21) of amendment 39 to the Penal Law of 1977 required a criminal statutory provision to be construed in favor of a defendant.

The first test was subjective. The appeal court had to ask itself whether the trial court would have convicted the defendant were it not for the inadmissible evidence. The second test was objective, requiring the appeal court itself to weigh the evidence, without reference to the

dence of a polygraph test undergone opinion of the trial court. by the complainant had been tone. The question whether the trial wrongly admitted at his trial and court would have convicted the defendant but for the inadmissible evidence involved many factors. A professional judge, as distinguished from a lay jury, was presumed to bave excluded inadmissible evidence from his considerations. The mere fact, therefore, of his having mentioned it in his judgment did not mean he had relied upon it. On the other band, the presump-tion was not absolute, and could be contradicted. Moreover, inadmissible evidence on a minor subsidiary issue would have had less influence than that relating to a vital issue in the case. Another factor was section 215 of the Criminal Procedure Law (Consolidated Version) of 1982, which empowered an appeal court to dismiss an appeal even if it accepted a particular submission, if the defendant suffered no prejudice. Justice Zamir also raised the pos-

inheritance

sibility that even if the first test in section 56 was established, the court was not obliged to dispose of the case finally; the desirable course was to set the trial court's judgment aside, and remit the case to it for reconsideration excluding any refrequired. erence to the inadmissible evidence. Citing precedents, he held the degree of proof necessary to establish each of the elements in section 56 was beyond reasonable doubt, as applicable in criminal cases, If, therefore, it was reasonably possible that the trial court relied on inadmissible evidence, or that there was no other sufficient evidence to support the conviction, the trial court's

judgment should be set aside. In this particular case Justice --Zamir was satisfied that the mat court, notwithstanding the reference in its judgment to the polygraph test, did not take this evidence into account. Moreover, it was clear, in his view, that there was ample other evidence to support the conviction.

dence sufficiently supported the conviction. If it didn't, the defendant was to be acquitted. If it did, the appeal court could either confirm the conviction, or remit the case to the trial court if justice so

If there was no connection at all between the inadmissible evidence and the conviction, the court would examine the admissible evidence, and the defendant's submissions, in that the trial judge disregarded inadthe ordinary way. He added that the missible evidence, but warned appeal court could also reverse the

order, and consider first if there was sufficient admissible evidence for a conviction. If there wasn't, that ended the matter. He agreed with the presumption against relying too heavily on this feature. He also differed from Justice Zamir as to remitting the case to the lower court being the most desirable course.

help in Turkey's efforts to win

entry to the customs union of the

EU by mobilizing opinion mak-

Turkey, in turn, has been taking

up Israel's case in outlying Moslem countries like Pakistan

and Indonesia, according to offi-

And, as a reminder that democ-

racy is one thing the two countries

do share, the day after the recent

closely run elections in Turkey,

Jerusalem received a request from

Ankara for details about the rota-

tion agreement between Likud

First of two parts



He proposed, therefore, that the appeal court's first judgment be set aside, that Abutbul's conviction be confirmed, and that the Supreme Court pass sentence afresh after hearing counsels' submissions.

JUSTICE CHESHIN adhered to his original opinion that Abutbul's appeal be dismissed. The path laid down by the legislature in section 56, he said, was quite clear. In his opinion, even the slightest causal connection between the inadmissible evidence and the conviction invalidated the trial court's judgment. In that event, the appeal court was to decide whether the other evi-



EARTHLY CONCERNS D'VORA BEN SHAUL

HE new government of South Africa has inherit-ed some of the world's worst environmental problems.

Canada's International Development Research Centre (IDRC) was commissioned to assess the environmental situation in the country. Three years ago, six South African specialists and six experts from other countries worked together for almost a year to prepare the report that was presented to the South African Government in late 1994.

But now, according to new information collected by the IDRC, the situation may be more serious than

was believed at the time of the original report. any of the most pressing problems stem from the former apartheid system wherein 80 percent of the country's population was crowded into the so-called homelands for the black people. These enclaves comprised only 13% of the country's land, leading to drastic overcrowding and total degradation of the

Today, these areas are virtually deforested, seriousenvironment. ly eroded, and the soil is nearly nonarable. In addition, it now appears that overpumping of the wells in these areas to serve the burgeoning population caused salinity in the underground water reserves. The heavy application of nitrates on the marginally productive fields has further polluted these aquifers. In addition, those black residents who did nigrate to the cities in the time of apartheid were classed as

"sojourners." Therefore no effort was made to provide proper infrastructure in the shums and shanty

towns into which they moved. Today these areas are drastically overcrowded with people who have no access to sanitary facilities or clean water.

Bad farming practices on the part of both black and white farmers has, furthermore, led to the loss of some 400 million tons of topsoil a year over more than a decade. This situation is rapidly causing soil depletion and lowering crop success in all parts of the country.

In industry, the IDRC team found that most of South Africa's factories are using out-of-date equipment and causing air and water pollution. Power plants are almost all coal burning and lack proper smokestacks and pollution preventing scrubbers. In addition, the water pollution generated by industry is so serious as to almost rival that in the homelands and slum areas.

Repairing the damage and at the same time preventing further deterioration is a task that may well challenge South Africa's governments for generations to come.

The farmers are set in the ways handed down to them by their forefathers. As for industry, marginal profits and a lack of cash flow caused by former long-term sanctions make investment in environment protecting systems almost out of financial reach.

One bright note does emerge, however. South Africa leads the world in the amount of materials recycled . Recycling of plastic, paper, rags, glass and aluminum is one of the country's most efficient projects.

The Winners of the JP/ESRA Book Sale Raffle 1st prize: Judith Yalon, Kfar Saba 2nd prize: Sandra Raphaelson, Kfar Saba

3rd prize: Nadine Kameh, Kfar Saba

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Italy's largest insurer

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Abeles: Procaccia Report is lopsided

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THE Procaccia Report's claims that some banks heavily overcharged kibbutzim for loans is a lopsided document based on ambiguous legal parameters, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles

charged yesterday. Meanwhite, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat said the government should not discuss the report before it has been professionally scrutinized by the Bank of Israel and the Treasury's legal department

Interior Security Minister Moshe Shahal and Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet both demanded in the cabinet's weekly meeting yesterday that a commission of inquiry look into the findings of the Procaccia Report

Speaking at a conference on banking organized by Ma'ariv, Abeles said the importance of the Procaccia Report was exaggerated out of considerations linked to the primaries.

He said he is opposed to the creation of an official committee to investigate the banks' alleged overcharging of kibbutz debt.

Abeles said the claims should be examined in court. Commenting on the same issue,

Treasury director general David Brodet said the Treasury will react to the report after the banks' contradictory reports are published.

Brodet agreed with Abeles that the legal opinion is one-sided. The 700-page Procaccia legal opinion was published last week, several days before the banks,

kibbutzim and Treasury initialed the kibbutz debt arrangement

agreement. The report was conducted by a group of experts headed by Uriel Procaccia. They were hired by the Settlement Headquarters, which has long contended that banks had charged the kibbotzim illegal fees. Tel Aviv University Economics

Prof. Amir Barnea, who is also an owner in the Singer Barnea investment firm and plans to pub-lish a report on behalf of the banks, emphasized that the opin-ion gives an extensive and gener-al interpretation of specific court verdicts

According to Barnea, the report "does not contain anything which is associated with the kibbutz system - with the exception of two pages in the introduction, which discussed Procaccia's public and Zionist belief regarding the kibhutz sectors weight in the Israeli economy and their importance.

"And with the exception of three pages in the summary, which also do not discuss details, and refer to three kibbutzim to which legal assumptions are applied in order to see what will happen to the debt. With the exception of these three pages, there is nothing in the 700-page report that gives any specific reference to the kibbutzim."

Barnea criticized the press for having given the Procaccia Report "exaggerated coverage." He also criticized the Bank of Israel and the commercial banks for failing to respond to the report.

to buy Migdal ASSICURIZIONI Generali, Italy's largest insurer, is in advanced negotiations with Bank Leumi to gain major control of Migdal, Israel's largest insurance company, sources close to the

companies said yesterday. Heads of Generali arrived here yesterday to negotiate the purchase with Bank Leumi general manager Galia Maor and Bank Leumi chairman of the Board Eitan Raff. The visit follows Maor and Raff's visit to Italy several weeks ago.

A Bank Leumi spokesman said the Generali representatives arrived in Israel to negotiate with companies other than Leumi. A Generali spokesman could not be reached for comment.

Negotiations between the two companies began several months ago at the request of Generali, which currently controls 27% of Migdal. Sources close to the company

said Generali is trying to avoid the entrance of another partner in the company.

Bank Leumi is required to reduce its holdings in Migdal and its parent company, Africa Israel, to 25 percent by the end of

December - in line with the Brodet Committee's recommendations concerning the banks' non-financial holdings.

Insurance sources estimate Migdal's value at more than NIS 1 hillion.

Bank Leumi Holdings and Africa Israel Insurance currently control about 68% of Migdal's shares.

Another 5% of the company's shares are owned by Migdal's South African founders. Generali controls 86 different

companies in 40 countries. At the end of 1996, its overall assets were valued at about \$65b.



Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Histadrut Chairman Amir Peretz sign the public sector pension plan yesterday. The agreement, which preserves the rights of veteran workers, averted a nationwide strike.

Egypt, IMF begin talks on economic reforms-

CAIRO (Reuter) - Egypt and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) began formal talks yesterday aimed at further liberalizing Cairo's state-run economy and

off a \$4 billion debt. The Club of official creditors

of its slow-moving reform prothe agenda for these technical gram, which Cairo's Paris Club talks, which are expected to last creditors have linked to writingthree to four weeks. The negotiations were to start

in January, but both sides agreed put them on which the new

in-depth discussion' Jerusalem Post Staff

'Closure deserves

FINANCE Minister Avraham Shohat yesterday demanded that the government discuss "in depth" the economic implications of the closure currently imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Shohat said the issue demands the preparation of professional papers

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Monday, March 25, 1996

A conference of central banks on risk management will take place today and tomorrow at the Laromme Hotel in Jerusalem. Cosponsored by Quantitative Financial Software and Yield Enhancement Strategists, the conference will focus on the role of central banks and governments in risk management and oversight of bank examination in capital markets. Representatives from the National Bank of Belgium, the Reserve Bank of India, the Bank of Israel, the Central Bank of Jordan, and the national banks of several African nations, including Rwanda, will be among the participants. Jennifer Friedlin

American Technion Society receives fundraising award: The American Technion Society received the "Award for Excellence in Fund-raising" from the National Society of Fundraising Executives this week.

The university's American office registered a cumulative growth of 218 percent in the last decade and is considered one of the fastestgrowing fund-raising organizations in the US. Between 1991 and the end of 1996, it was expected to raise \$250 million, and it plans to raise another \$180m. by 1999.

Bezeq-Kol, the Bezeq subsidiary, will supply telephone equipment and communications systems for 100,000 phone extensions at kib-butzim around the country. This was announced at a meeting yesterday attended by officials of the kibbutz movements.

Bezek-Kol managing director Yosef Jungman said he regards the deal as very important and that the prices were set with special conditions for the kibbutz movements. The agreement will include the supply of advanced telecommunications services, including data transfer, video-conferencing, and local area networks. Judy Siegel

Koor Industries has purchased another 0.6 percent of Machteshim Chemical Works stock capital in a transaction outside of the stock exchange for NIS 6.4 million, increasing its share in the company to 67.12%. Earlier this week, the company purchased 1.2% of the firm's stock capital in two separate stock capital transactions outside the stock exchange. The company refused to reveal the seller's Galit Lipkis Beck name_

WORLD BRIEFS

Guif Air to delay deal for four Airbus A320 planes: Regional carrier Gulf Air, owned by four Gulf Arab governments, is to delay the purchase of four Airbus Industrie A320 aircraft on order for another two to three years, an airline official said ocver the weekend. "We are restructuring the delivery of four A320s, which are supposed to be delivered in June [1996] for another two to three years to reduce losses," said the official, who asked not to be named.

Gulf Air is jointly owned by the governments of Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and Abn Dhabi emirate in the United Arab Emirates. Reader

Egypt offers 90% of chocolate firm: The Egyptian state said yesterday it was selling off 90 percent of the equity of public-sector firm Alexandria Confectionery and Chocolate. Bousayna Mostafa, head of the privatization sector at the state's Holding Company for Food Industries, said the buyer must not change the nature of the company's business or make any employees redundant for at least three years. The remaining 10% of equity will be held by company employees

The company said the closing date for tenders was May 20 and all offers must be accompanied by a £2.5 million guarantee. Reuter

Iran sees progress on huge gas field by end of year: A British-Iranian engineering study to tap one of the world's biggest gas fields offshore Iran is on schedule and will be completed by the end of the year, an Iranian oil manager said yesterday. The \$12 million design contract, carried out by Britain's John Brown Engineering and an Iranian partner, is the starting point for the South Pars gas field development project launched to meet Iran's growing gas needs in the next decade "It is planned to complete the engineering [design] work within eight months," a manager at the Iranian state-owned Petroleum Development and Engineering Company (PEDEC) said in a tele-phone interview from Tehran. PEDEC is a wholly-owned affiliate of the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC) and was given the main \$900 million South Pars contract in 1994 after an international consortium led by Italy's TPL failed to raise \$1.5 billion in financing needed for the field's first phase development. Reuter

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comoting private and totelgn investment, official newspapers said

Cabinet officials said the fund's regional representative Abdel Shakour Shalaan would meet Egyptian Prime Minister Kamal Ganzouri, and the newspapers said he would also see Central Bank Governor Ismail Hassan.

Egypt hopes this round of talks Paul Charbier met Ganzouri to set will end with the fund's approval

aiready warved 50D. OI Egypt's debts, and the hoped-for Egyptian government, which took waiver would save the governoffice in early January, had settled ment \$200 million in annual debt Service.

But Shalaan, who arrived in Cairo late on Friday, has said the debt waiver was not on the agen-Two weeks ago, Shalaan and the fund's Middle East director

rents to investment, introduced new incentives, cut the customs duty on some capital goods and reformed the housing law. The cabinet has also promised a wave of sell-offs and partial flota-

Since January, the new government has embarked on an intensive program of economic change. It has removed some of the deter-

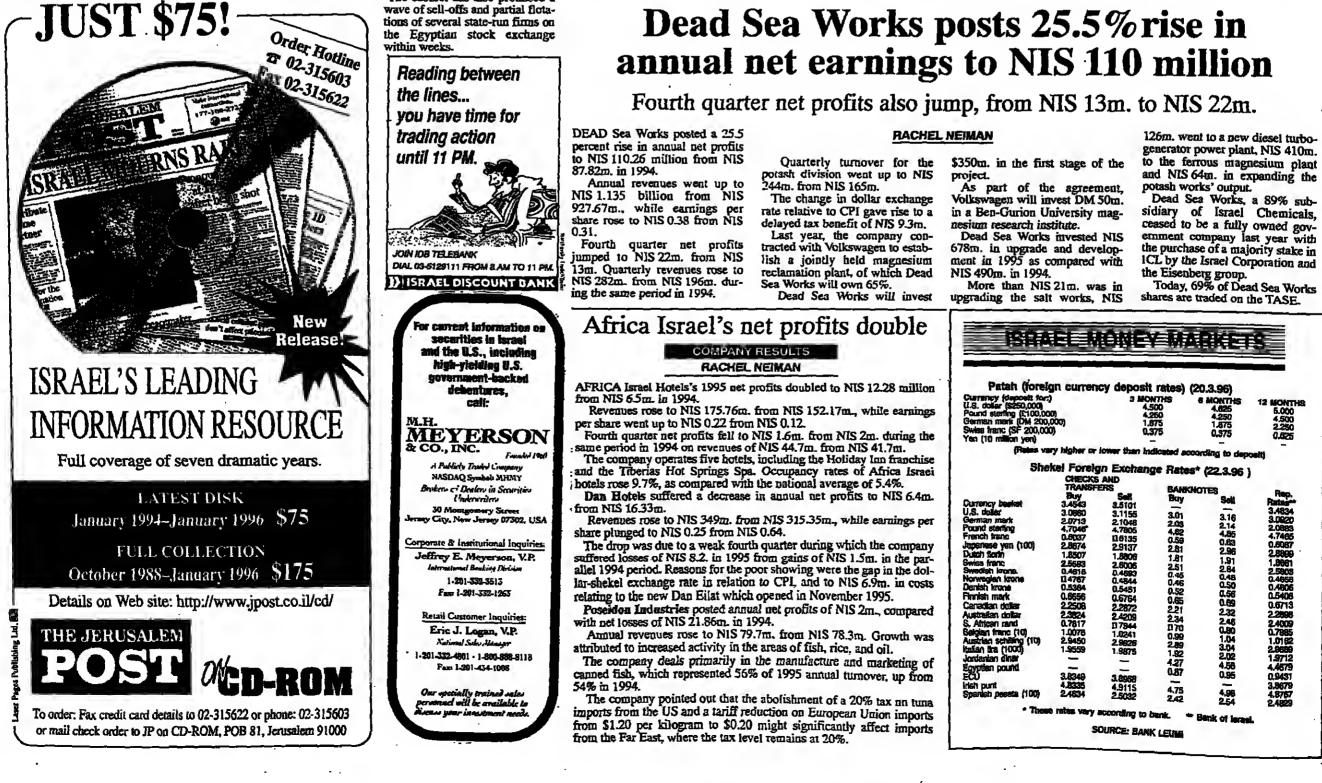
These would aid the decision-making echelons as they make policy on the closure and its impact on economic conditions both in Israel and in the areas controlled by the Palestinian Administration.

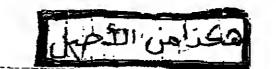
Shohat instructed Treasury Director General David Brodet to prepare working papers with the Civil Administration.

This preparatory work will compare the consequences of full and partial closures, look into the consequences of limiting passage of goods to either imports or exports exclusively, and examine options for supply of raw materials to Palestinian sub-contractors.

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Shohat said he agreed that providing full security came first, but the closure nevertheless required an in-depth discussion by the government.





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Key Representative Rates US Dollar NIS 3.0920 -0.32% Sterling NIS 4.7465 -0.50%

Precious metals close higher COMMODITIES

<u>ROUNDUP</u>

RECIOUS metals closed steady to higher on Friday, with guld fatures pushing into positive terri-tory in the afternoon, as good scale-down huying support erased the morning losses in April and June gold prices, analysts said. The gold market has also likely been supported by the continuing cally nf energy futures. May silver futures also closed

bigher, following the late surge of gold futures. Analysts said silver had been

the best performer last week, with the strongest technical charts.

April platinum futures closed unchanged, while June palladium futures settled higher, mostly fnllowing the late firmness of precious metals.

On the close, April gold settled 20 cents higher at \$398,90, while June gald futures closed 20 cents higher at \$401.70.

May silver closed 2.0 cents higher at \$5.650. April platinum settled unchanged at \$414.10, while June palladium closed \$1.40 higher at \$142.85.

May high grade copper futures closed 175 points Inwer nn Friday, as copper futures hit sell stops in the aftermon, pushing May prices near the \$1.15 level, analysts said. While recent economic data points to a pick-up to copper demand, oversupply prohlems were intensified by an unexpectedly high rise of London Metal Exchange (LME) copper stocks. The May copper futures con-tract ended 1.75 cents down at 115.15 cents per pound.

Supported by a strnng soy complex trade, corn and wheat futures pulled out a firm close despite a"" lack of fresh news.

Sources noted a lack of selling also helped to support Friday's market, rather than high-volume buying. Coru closed firmer, with May

Taiwan proposes economic salve for China tension

Chiang: Taiwan's experience could help China develop

TAIPEI (Reuter) - Taiwan, mak-

poll. ing its first move to mend fences with China following the island's presidential election, said over the weekend it would push to expand economic and trade ties with its mainland rival.

"How in ease cross-strait tensinns and rehuild the good base for interaction between the two sides should be the main issue in 1949 after the elections," Economics Minister Chiang Pin-kung said.

"From now on we should focus nn econnmie development and strengthen cross-strait economie and trade ties and cooperation," he said in a statement issued immediately after President Lee Teng-hui's victory in the historic

TOKYO (Reuter) - Japanese

Hashimnto easily won the first

by-election test of his 10-week-

nld government yesterday, clear-

country's national budget.

Minister

Prime

Japanese budget crisis eases

China has staged waves of intimidatory missile tests and war games near the island to show its displeasure with Lee's policies, particularly his hid tn raise Taiwan's diplomatic profile. strengthen economic and trade Taiwan, which Beijing considcooperation.

ers a rebel Chinese province, split with China after a civil war ended That severed direct air, shipping

and postal links between the two Without specifying the links he hoped to bolster, Chiang said that

with warmer economic relations Taiwan could use its experience of economic development to help China through the same process.

His comments were echoed by central bank governor Sheu Yuandong, who said in a statement Taipei was looking forward to relations of "mutual respect and mutual assistance" with China to

Looking to Taiwan's own internal policy, he said the central bank's monetary policy would remain loose enough to guide the economy nut nf shock.

"The central bank ... under the premise of stable consumer prices, will maintain stable to loose mnnetary policy to nffer sufficient funds in help economie development," Sheu said.

"After the elections, everything

will be back to normal ... the Taiwan dollar will rise," he told reporters later.

Beijing's sabre-rattling initially led to a flight of capital from Taiwan's economy, hammering both the Taiwan dollar and the stock market.

The government moved swiftly in early March to calm the storm, easing its monetary stance by lowering banks' reserve requirements and establishing a huge share purchase fund.

Since then, the stock market has enjoyed nine straight days of . gains, and the Taiwan dollar has recovered, hitting a four-month high against the US dollar last Wednesday.

Fear of hike in rates pushes indexes lower TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

FELICE MARANZ 204.20 194.68 -0.65%

Maof Index

last year's 8.1% inflation rate and

Bezeg rose 0.75% as NIS 3.4m.

worth of shares changed hands.

The company reiterated its intentions to sell shares on foreign

stock exchanges later this year, and a local investment firm said

the phone company was trading at a value below its worth.

Bezeq hopes to raise \$500m. to

While no date for the sale has

yet been announced, it is expected

"If the sale happens, it will be seen as a positive influence," said

Declining shares on the Maof

Investments, which fell 3.25%.

Osem

in the second quarter this year.

\$600m. from the sale of 26% of

the company, announced last July and originally scheduled for the

fourth quarter last year.

Index included

Winish.

this year's target of 8%-10%.

Two-Sided Index

INDEXES fell for a third consecutive trading day yesterday amid concern the Bank of Israel will raise interest rates when it announces monthly monetary policy today.

Gains in Bezeq, the most active share nn the exchange, offset some losses.

"Nn one knows what will happen tomorrow [Monday], but there's concern that rates will go np," said Itzik Winish, manager of Tel Aviv investment firm Capital Future Markets.

The Maof Index fell 0.65 percent to 204.20 and the Two-Sided Index fell 0.66% to 194.68. Of 992 shares trading across the

exchange, more than twice as many shares fell as rose.

Some NIS 60 million worth of shares traded, NIS 38.3m. below last Thursday's level and about NIS 20m. helow this month's average.

ing," Winish said. "There are expectations that

March's Consumer Price Index next two months," said Winish. Index rate so far in 1996 is 11%-

Investors perceive Osem as over-priced, said Winish. The market is in a state of wait-Teva Pharmaceuticals Ltd. fell 2% Also on the index, Makhteshim Chemical Works fell 1.25% on

will be high, that money supply will increase in March, and that "expectations of declining prof-its," said Winish. nobody will do anything as far as Clal Industries declined 2.25%. fiscal policy is concerned for the The company said last week that fourth-quarter net income fell The annual Consumer Price 12% to NIS 38.9m.

"Dead Sea Works closed 12%, a rate which exceeds both unchanged. (Bloomberg)

German steel employers, unions reach wage agreement

GELSENKIRCHEN, Germany (Reuter) - Employers in the German iron and steel industry concluded a wage agreement with the main steel and engineering union IG Metall nver the weekend which the union said would secure the jnbs of around 100,000 workers.

After nine hnurs of negotiations, a deal was struck in the early bnurs of Saturday mnrning for the iron and steel industry in North Rhine-Westphalia, Lower Saxony and Bremen, where diminished order books have led in difficulties in recent

The agreement gave employers more flexibility by allowing them to cut the working week to 30 hours from 35 with a

keep employment levels where they are for the next one to two years," said Harald

Schartan, the head of IG Metall's negotiating tea

employers' negotiating team, said he still expected the number of jobs in the sector to decline over the next few years. The agreement, which will run for two

years, allows for some overtime to be compensated as free time later on rather than paid in cash.

It also allows for employees of 50 years or over to shift to part-time work, and stipulates a reduction in the number of

The interior Russia agrees to Ukraine proposal for oil transit tariff

KIEV (Re They said Russian nego - Russia has had initially proposed the deal and agreed to Ukraine's proposals on transit tariffs for oil moving then refused to sign. through the Druzhba (Friendship) Under the Russian proposal, the rate would have been lowered if pipeline to east European cusannual volumes increased to 20 tomers, a top Ukrainian official said over the weekend. million tonnes and higher if it fell Olexander Sverdlov, head of below 16 millinn. The Druzhba pipeline, built in the 1950s and 1960s, takes Ukraine's State Oil and Gas Committee's transit department, said Russian negotiators had agreed Russian crude nil across Ukraine to the proposed rate of \$5.20 per tonne a day after talks in Kiev had to customers in the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Pnland and the fnumer Yugoslavia. Supplies were suspended for broken down in acrimony. He said Nikolai Borisov, a senior official at Russia's Fuel and Energy Ministry, had telephoned on Friday two days last week while the talks agreeing to the rate given annual flows of 18 million tonnes. proceeded hut were later restored to most points, except Hungary. This tariff could be variable A duty engineer for the pipeline, speaking from the west-ern Ukrainian city of Lvov, said 27,000 tonnes of nil were being depending on whether annual volumes go higher or lower," he said. "The Ukrainian side is waiting for pumped each day to the Czech Republic and Slovakia. Supplies official confirmation [today]. I want to see an official document." were still suspended to Hungary. Russian nfficials last month Ukrainian officials, who had pegged the transit rate at \$5.20 per tonne since the beginning of the suggested that an alternative pipeline could be huilt to circumyear, had accused the Russians of backing out of a compromise deal vent Ukraine. to settle the protracted dispute at Druzhba nfficials dismissed the the last minute. idea as impractical.

against the nppositinn's Tetsun Ynshinka, a fnrmer Defense

as Hashimoto wins poll test

90,472 vntes. Voter turnout was just over 50%, a normal figure for hy-elections The by-election was forced hy

by an almost two-to-one margin in

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an Upper House by-election in Gifu, central Japan. With 66 percent nf the votes counted, Onn had 274,013 vntes

Ministry official, who had received 149,782 votes, A candidate hacked hy the

ing the way fnr passage nf the Election officials said Tsuyakn Onn, 62, the candidate hacked hy

Hashimntn's ruling three-party coalitico, was leading her rival frnm the main nppositinn Shinshinto (New Frontier Party) who had beld the seat.

Japan Communist Party had

the death last Fehruary nf Onn's husband, a Hashimoto supporter,

Hashimnto needed a convincing win to break a three-week-old apposition boycott of parliamentary deliberations on the hudget for the next fiscal year starting on

Since March 4, Shinshinto law-

makers have staged a sit-in inside parliament to block voting on the budget, which includes Hashimpto's controversial plan to use taxpayers' money to liquidate failed private hnusing loan firms,

known as "jusen." Hashimoto's government was expected in proclaim the electoral win in Gifu as a positive verdict on the "jusen" bail-out plan, the higgest headache for the prime minister since he took office on January 11. The win also takes

pressure off Hashimotn to call early general elections which are

"We hope this decision will allow us to

corresponding reduction in pay.

But Hans Grasshoff, head of the

apprentices who will be taken on.

splinter group.

not due until mid-1997. "This is an important result and we welcome this win," said Koichi Kato, secretary-general of Hashimoto's Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). The LDP rules in coalition with

the Social Democratic Party and the small Sakigake Party, an LDP

We must normalize the state of affairs in parliament at once," Kato told reporters.

Hashimoto has been forced to adopt a 50-day stop-gap budget because the opposition sit-in has made it impossible to pass a com-plete budget by the end of March.



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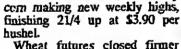
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Wheat futures closed firmer with the May highest on news of purchases hy China and Egypt with activity in Thledn.

Forecasts of rain in the US great plains also supported prices somewhat, however the market did close near its lows.

The May contract closed up nne at \$4.813/4 per bushel. Soybeans clased stronger on the

back nf rallying soynil, with the market making new highs near the end of the day's session.

Sources said prices were boosted by Britain's "mad cow" disease, which may stem from feeding the animals a mixture of meat, bone meal and nther animal hyproducts. This could result in the

increased use of soymeal as a substitute. The May soybean contract rnse 83/4 cents in close at \$7.301/2 per bushel. May cotton futures settled stronger on Friday, supported by

news nf rain discuptions in Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay. In addition, mnre rain is still needed for West Texas crops. The May contract closed 0.44 higher at 84.69 cents.

Whrld sugar futures settled steady to slightly higher after a quiet "inside" trading day. The most active May contract settled 1 point bicher at 12.25 settled 1 point higher at 12.25

cents. May coffee futures settled 30 points Inwer at \$1.1970 - just up from the session low nf \$1.1940, while May cocoa futures closed \$13 higher at \$1,230 per ton.

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World Bank, France to upgrade Yemen airport

SANAA (Reuter) - The World Bank and France will finance a \$20 million project to upgrade the civil war-damaged Aden airport in southern Yemen, an official said

over the weekend. "The World Bank will provide \$14 million in loans ... and France is offering \$5 million in the form of aid for the [Aden airport] project," Hussein al-Seyaghi, deputy head of the civil aviation authority, told the official Saba news аделсу.

He did nnt say where the remaining funds would come from, but usually the government is required to pay some of the costs of the project in local currency.

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North Yemeni missiles often hit the airport in attempts to cripple

the southern airforce. Without elaborating, Seyaghi said several international firms had presented bids for the project and six companies had been selected.

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ond-seeded teams to advance to a

Final Four matchup in the NCAA

Kentucky, led by guard Tony

Delk's 25 points, beat Wake Forest 83-63 in the Midwest

Regional final at Minneapolis,

Camby, reached its first Final

Kentucky and Massachusetts.

onship game two days later.

Massachusetts beat Kentucky hy

10 points early in the season. "We beat them once, we're

looking forward to beauing them again." said Massachusetts guard

Kentucky (32-2), which will he

making its 11th trip to the Final

Four and its first since 1993.

passed North Carolina for first

place on the all-time wins list for

The Wildcats have won their

four tournament games by a com-

hined 113 points and have now

won 20 games by 20 or more

points this season. Kentucky held Wake Forest to

just 22 percent shooting 14-of-181

in the first half en route to a 38-19

advantage. Wake Forest's star

center. Tim Duncan, was held to

just one point in the first 28 min-

with 2:03 remaining. Delk was

named the Most Outstanding

Player of the Midwest Region.

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baskethall tournament.

Mac. TA wins derby

REMEMBER the good old days. when the Tel Aviv basketball derby really meant something and it all came down to the final seconds? Not this year. While Coach Moshe Weinkrantz's Happel Tel Aviv club gave Maccabi Tel Aviv a run for its money last night at Yad Eliahu, in the end Maccabi and Radisav Curcic were just too much, winning easily as expected. 86-71.

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Truth be told, the game was a great deal closer than that, with Hapoel even ahead 59-58 with just under 13 minutes left. But as has become their habit of late, Maccahi played just as hard as they had to WHEN they had to, burying Hapoel under a late 20-9 sport that put the game out of reach, and further strengthened the defending champs' grip on first place.

Elsewhere in the league last night, Bnei Herzliya further cemented its hold on third place by beating Maccahi Rishon, while Maccabi Ramat Gan moved even further away from relegation with a victory over Hapoel Safed. Meanwhile, Maccabi Jerusalem slipped closer to relegation by los-ing at Holon, while Hapoel Gvat, already on its way out of the league, lost to Eilat.

Maccabi TA 86, Hap. TA 71

Maccabi's game plan was simple but efficient: get the ball inside to Curcic. However, Happeel - winners of five of their last six before last night's game - had their own ideas.

Led by Nanad Markovitch (23 poiots) and Meir Tapiro (14), Hapoel kept up a fast tempo that allowed them to get back into the game after trailing 42-37 at the half.

However, Calvin Roberts's fourth personal left no one to really guard Curcic underneath, and Maccabi again drew inspiration from the play of Brad Leaf and Motti Daniel to pull away just when they bad to, Daniel's 3-pointer with 4:30 left opened up a 12-

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inside and Alexander Nikolitch and

Brian Oliver scoriog outside, Rishoo looked unstoppable until a late

Herzliya spart moved them to within 50-45 at halftime.

the game with just under 10 minutes to play due to foul trouble, Rishon lost

its best offensive weapon. Coach Roni

Bosani tried a three-guard offense, but even Gully's return couldn't keep

pointer gave his club a 59-54 lead with just under 14 minutes to play. point lead for Maccabi, which benefit-However, David Brooks (16 points) ed from some poor Hapoel shot selec-tion down the stretch that undermined took over the game in the final minutes to keep Ramat Gan out of danger, their enthusiasm. Still, Hapoel - and especially Weinkrantz - deserve full the win giving his club an excellent chance of remaining in the league next year. Mays had 37 points for credit for turning around their season, even if last night they ran out of steam Rama Gan, which also got a major against the Maccabi juggernaut. Curcic led all scorers with 24 points. contribution from point-guard Amos Frischman, who scored 18. Cedric Glover led Safed with 21, while while Doron Jamchee added 16. For Happel, Markovitch bad 23 and Richlis scored 18. Tapiro 14, but Andre Spencer disapointed with only 12. Buci Herzliya 94, Mac. Rishon 85

Holon 91, Mac. Jerusalem 83 about to pull an upset, using a great team effort despite the absence of Joe What started out as a blowout for Rishon turned into a nightmare as the club saw its Final Four chances take Dawson - who only arrived in time for the second half due to a dispute with management - to lead 47-36 at the half. However, Dawson's return didn't another body blow in Herzliya. Rishon led 22-6 early oo, and it looked like Coach Muli Karzurin's seem to help as clutch baskets by club had not yet recovered from its State Cup loss to Hapoel Jerusalem last week. With James Gully operating

gave Holon the victory to keep them in good shape for a shot at a Korac Cup appearance next year. The loss puts Jerusalem in serious

form in the second half, and his three-

win for the capital side if they want to avoid relega Hap. Eilat 94, Hap. Gvat 65

moved further away from relegation danger. Tonight, Hapoel Galil Elyon hosts Hapoel Jerusalern. The game

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Scotland, Ireland share world bowls honors

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Timberwolves beat Rockets

HOUSTON (Reuter) - Rockets superstar Hakeem Olnjuwon scored 46 points in his return from knee problems Saturday but it wasn't enough as the Minnesota

ADELAIDE, Australia (Reuter) - Scottish

veteran Willie Wood led from the front as

his side thrashed New Zealand 26-5 to win

the triples final at the World Bowls

Championships yesterday. The New Zealand trid df Peter Bellis,

David File and Andrew Curtain were losing

and Tom Gugliotta had 15 points Timberwolves won in Houston for the first time in three years, 108-SATURDAY'S RESULTS: Atlanta 92. Detroit 84 103.

Minnesota 108, Houston 103 Seattle 129, Philadelphia 89 Golden State 98, Phoenix 89 Isaiah Rider scored 19 points. Spud Webb 17, Sam Mitchell 16

of the scheduled 18 ends.

so badly that they conceded defeat after 16

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Israel's trips finished in sixth place.

while Massachuseus, with 22 Jerusalem looked like they were points from star center Marcus Four ever by quelling Georgetnwn 86-62 in the Eastern figal in Atlanta. the only top seeds left in the tour-Holon's young Yoav Sapar in the final minutes and a key miss by Assaf Barnea, who had a great first half. nament, will play next Saturday in East Rutherford for the right to go to the national collegiate champi-

straits, making next week's home game vs. Ramat Gan an absolute must

50-45 at haiftime. However, the second half was a completely different story, with Amir Katz finding the mark from outside and John Hudson leading the charge inside. When Gully was forced out of In a game that was more for proto-col than anything else, Hapoel Eilat woneasily over the already relegated Gvat, led by J.J. Eubanks's 32 points, including six three-pointers. Duane Morton added 26 for Eilat, who also mound further avery form releasion

even Gully's return couldn't keep Herzliya from a convincing victory. Katz led Herzliya with 26, while Gully had 27 for Rishon. Maccabi RG 91 Hap. Safed 83 Travis Mays and Maccabi Ramat Gan did it again, eking out the home victory after recovering from second-bels inter that almost sure than he the will be broadcast live on Sports Channel beginning at 8:15.

half jitters that almost saw them let the game elude their grasp. With Mays sbutting down Safed's Melvin Neubern - back from his short stay io the US - Ramat Gan pulled out to a 17-9 early lead, sending Neubern to the bench and the Ramat Gan fans to their feet. However, a buzzer-beating three-pointer by Nir Richlis kept Safed close at 54-40 at the half. Neubern returned to his early season

reach Final Four since 1984, when it lost to ATLANTA (Reuter) - Kentucky Houston. The only season the and Massachusetts lived up to Deacons advanced to the Final their top seedings Saturday. scoring decisive victories over sec-

Kentucky, UMass

Four was in 1962. The Wildcars shot 53% from the field (28-for-53) and 87% from the foul line (20-for-23). The team committed just 10 turnovers and forced 20.

In the day's other regional final, Camby, named the Most Outstanding Player of the East Region, scored eight of his 22 points in a key 15-2 second-half run and Carmelo Travieso added 20 points for Massachusens 135-

Georgerown used an 11-3 run to pull within 38-34 at halftime, but the Minutemen's run opening the second half took the lead back up to 53-36 in the first 5:33.

"We were up at halftime and cume out kind of flat for the second half," said Camby. "So I just took it upon myself to try to make things happen." Georgetown came no closer

than 13 points the rest of the way, and the Minutemen's largest lead of the game was the final 22-point margin.

Allen lverson scored 23 points for Georgetown (29-81, which was denied in an attempt to reach the Final Four for the first time since 1985. Othella Harrington added 13 points.

(20-of-57) overall. Georgetown committed 22 turnovers, leading to 31 points for the Minutemen. Georgetown shot 4-of-15 from

Iverson in nine attempts. Massachusetts shot 41.5% (27of-65) from the field. Travieso hit sia three-pointers for the Minutemen, who made 7-of-16

Mississippi State (25-7) was scheduled to face second seed Cincinnati (28-4) in the Southeast final to fill the other Final Four Cantona goal puts Reds clear at top Villa wins League Cup

David Beckham. At Wembley, 77,000 fans saw Milosovic fire Villa ahead with a MANCHESTER - Eric Cantona took advantage of a referee's blunder to shoot Manchester 25-yard shot in the 20th minute United to a 1-0 victory over for his first League Cup goal. Tottenham yesterday and into a Nine minutes into the second three-point lead atop the English half, Taylor volleyed the second soccer standings. from close range after Leeds failed to clear a left-wing cross

Aston Villa won the League Cup for the second time in three years by downing Leeds 3-0 with goals from Serb striker Savo Milosovic, Ian Taylor and Tobagan striker Dwight Yorke. Before 50,000 fans at Old

Trafford. referee Geraid Ashby awarded Manchester United a goal kick instead of Spurs a corner after a cross by Andy Sinton had sliced off a Reds defender.

The Spurs players ran to take the corner but Cantona took hold of the ball from the goal kick. shrugged off two defenders on a 40-yard run and drove home a low, left-footed shot in the 51st minute for the only goal of the game and his fifth in five games.

United already had gone top because Newcastle, which once had a 12-point lead, tumbled 2-0 at Arsenal and slipped to second on goal difference. Liverpool also lost ground on the leading two after losing 1-0 at Nottingham

Chris Armstrong squandered a first half chance for Spurs when he tried to lob the ball over Peter Schmeichel from 12 yards but the 6-foot-4 Danish goalkeeper easily held the effort.

out of his goal to try to halt Ryan Giggs and was glad to see the Welshman's under-pressure shot

Five minutes from the end, Giggs should have scored a second hut volleyed against the crossbar from only six yards from a right wing cross by substitute

Ferdinand voted player of the year

LONDON (Reuter) - Newcastle United's costly striker Les Ferdinand was voted player of the year by fellow English professionals yesterday despite his team's slumping fortunes in the league title race.

ing 26 goals in 36 games for his club this season. He headed the poll in front of last year's winner, Alan Shearer of



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10th place. Experience also proved a decisive factor in the pairs, with Sam Allen leading Ireland In the trips: Scotland's Wood, 57, and his to a 21-19 victory over defending chample teammates Ken Logan and George Adrain ons Richard Corsie and Alex Marshall of thrashed New Zealand in what had been

Israel's pairs of George Kaminsky and

Chaim Miller finished the wurnament in

expected to be a close final.

medal. He said it was the best win he had been involved in and that he was keen to continue until-the-next world champi-onships scheduled to be held in South Africa in 2000.

The Hoyas shot just 27.6% (8-of-29) in the second half and 35% Forest three-point range. all four by

The Wildcats extended their lead to as much as 57-29 before the Demon Deacons rallied with a 26-9 run. But Delk scored from long range. Kentucky's next seven points as the margin went back up to 73-57

Last night, fourth seed Syracuse (27-8) was scheduled to play sec-ond seed Kansas (29-4) in the West final and fifth seed

Duncan recorded 14 points, 16 rebounds and six assists for Wake Forest (26-6), which was in the regional finals for the first time slots.

The victory gave Wood his 11th world

Ferdinand was presented with his award at a special dinner after scor-Blackburn Rovers.

. On Tuesday Israel will have a Cahana (530) completing the side. with Smashnova in action, against Zimbabwe. Macedonia and Luxembourg will be the opponents on Thursday and Friday respectively while the opening ceremony and presentation of the teams will take place on Friday at 11 am. The other seeded countries are Poland (Magdalens Grzybowska, Ukraine 69), (Natasha Medvedeva, 135) and Finland (Nanne Dahiman, 125). Altogether the countries competing are Poland, Ethiopia, Borswana, Larvia, Finland, Tunisia, Cyprus, Turkey, Turkey, Lichtenstein, Macedonia, Estonia, Luxembourg. Zimbabwe, Ukraine, Iceland, Malta. Denmark, Ireland and Israel. Meanwhile, the Davis Cup squad for next week's the against Spain in Ramat Hasharon was announced yesterday. Eyal Rati, Eyal Erlich, Noam Behr and Ofer Sela will represent Israel.

In the women's competition. Lu Chen of China

Russian Maria Butyrskaya was fourth and France's

Surya Bonaly, who captured the silver medal the last

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took the silver medal and Irina Slutskaya of Russia

Spurs 'keeper Ian Walker raced sail wide of an empty net.

and plays Liverpool in the semifinal at Old Trafford next Sunday. Leeds never looked like winning and apart from a brief spell at the start of the second half was outplayed by Villa which deservedly lifted the cup for the fifth time, equaling Liverpool's (AP, Reuter) record.

from Alan Wright.

near the end.

double.

Yorke, whose goals have helped

The victory guarantees Villa a

The team is still in the FA Cup

place in next season's UEFA Cup

and could be the first half of a fine

Villa climb to fourth in the league title standings, netted his 23rd

SUNDAY'S RESULTS: League Cup, final – Aston Villa 3, Leeds 0; Premier League: Manchester United I, Tottenham 0; Division One: 1 Tottenham 0; Division Huddersfield I, Grimsby 3.

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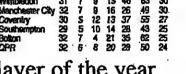
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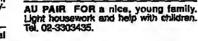
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marks the start of the largest ten nis event ever to be held here - the Cup Europe-Africa Fed Qualifying Group II Event with 19 countries competing.

WEATHER permitting, today

Over the weekend Morocco joined Egypt and Algeria which had decided not to attend but in contrast a Tunisian team will be debuting on Israeli soil and has already arrived.

At yesterday's draw in Ramat Hasharon, the teams were divided into four groups, each led by a seeded country. The two best countries from each group will reach the final after which the top four teams will proceed to the next round in 1997.

Israel, the fourth seed, landed Macedonia, Estonia, Luxembourg and Zimbabwe in its group.

Anna Smashnova, 75 in the world rankings and the second highest ranked player in the tournament, will be Israel's top racket with Hila Rosen (335) and Nataly

Skating Championships on Saturday.

at the Wingate Institute.

EDMONTON (Reuter) - Michelle Kwan of the US

won the women's gold medal at the World Figure

In earlier action, Israel's Misha Shmerkin finished

12th in the men's category. The dance team of Galit Chait and Scrgei Sakhnovski finished in 23rd place.

Each tie will comprise two singles and a doubles match with games starting daily at 11 am. Smashnova and Rosen are scheduled to represent Israel in the doubles. Smashnova, who lost 6-3, 6-0 to

19 countries to compete in Fed Cup

HEATHER CHAIT

fourth seed Gabriela Sabatini from Argentina early yesterday morning in the second round at Key Biscayne, returns home today and will be unavailable for the home team's opening day match against Estonia.

Doubts surrounded Rosen's and Cahana's match fitness after they were involved in a car accident last Wednesday but they have since recovered from their injuries.

Israel is the favorite in its group since only Marina Lazarovska (484) from Macedonia and Cara Black (517) from Zimbabwe are ranked above Israel's lowest player. Cahana at 530.

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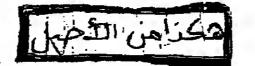
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5:30 News 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

8:00 Cartoons 8:30 Fables of King

Babar 9:00 Mother Goose 9:30 Autoto 10:00 A Clever Girl Like Lotta 10:30

Kiris Can Rock and Roll 11:00 Lola and

Her Friends 11:30 Under the Mountain

12:00 Haydaze 12:30 Zombit 13:00 Wonder Car 13:30 Stories about ani-mais 13:40 Our Friends 13:45 Kitty

Cat and Tommy 14:00 Fables of King Babar 14:25 Mother Goose 15:00 Autoto

15:32 Land without time 15:55 Rex

16:20 At the tip of the brush 18:59 A New Evening 17:34 Zaptot to Hosting 18:15 News In English

18:30 Sport magazine 19:00 News in

19:30 Special five-hour broadcast on

the Labor primaries anchored by Chaim Yavin 00:30 Verse of the Day

10:00 The Emperar's New Clothes 11:00 Finders Keepers (1984) - farce

about con-artists, stolen money and a bungling hit-man. Starting Michael O'KeefeDirected by Richard Lester (96 mins.) 12:40 Songs for the Festival 13:00 Sugar and Spice – two young girls from a small Australian township

girls from a small Australian township are sent to the big city to study 14:00 All for One – adventure series about e co-ed soccer team 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Pinocchio – with Hebrew dub-bing 15:30 Dreams with Uzi Hitman 16:00 The Bold and the Beautiful 17:00 News magazine with Refi Reshef 17:30 A Matter of Time 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News combined with Qan Shilon live

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15:00 Bonkers 15:30 Richie Rich - carloon 16:00 Bush School 16:15

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Gods - documentary 23:00 News in English 23:25 P.S. I Luv You 20:15 Taurus Rising 1:00 Ellen - comedy

MIDDLE EAST TY 15:00 The 700 Club 15:55 The Bachelor's Daughters - a salesman tree to find husbands for his workers. 17:30 Dennis the Menace 17:55 Mask 17:30 Dennis the Menace 17:35 Mask 18:20 Fables of the Green Forest 18:45 Another Life 19:10 Sea Quest 20:10 Magnum PJ. 21:30 World News Tonight (Arabic) 21:30 CNN Headline News 22:00 The Bill Cosby Show 22:30 Diagnosis Munder 23:20 Showy River 00:10 700 Club

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17:00 Cartoons 17:30 Royal Tears 18:30 Panorama with Zaidan Atshe 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Songs We Loved 20:00 Mabat News 20:45 Opening Shots – young artists 21:15 Loutou (1980) – love story between e petty thief and e woman who leaves a stable marriage. Starring Isabelle Huppert and Gerard Depardieu

15:30 Hey Dad 16:00 Cape Rebel 17:00 Guliver's Travels 17:30 Time Out 18:00 The Herodian Kingdom 18:30 Family Relations 19:00 Basic Arabic 19:30 Reflection – in Russian Subtites) 20:30 Preparation for Bagnut 21:00 Medicine Demystified 21:30 The Human Race 22:30 Revolutions in the modem era

Sisters 00:35 Counter Offensive 1:25

Marathon of Motion Picture Classics 10:30 From Here to Elemity (1953) -- Life on an army base in Hawaii on the eve of the bombing of Pearl Harbor. With Burt Lancaster, Deborah Kerr, Frank Sinatra (113 mins.) 12:30

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MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

FAMILY CHANNEL (3)

CHILDREN (6)

6:30 Cartoons 7:30 Surprise Garden 7:40 Dig and Dag 7:50 Alvin and the Chipmunks 8:20 Detective Buggie 8:50 Hullaballoo 9:05 The Borrowed Glove 9:35 Bill and Ted 10:00 Six in Slove 9:35 Bill and Ted 10:00 Six in the Spring - Open Studio for Pessah vacation 10:10 The Heart 10:45 Power Rangers 11:15 Sweet Valley High 11:45 Family Ties 12:20 Family Ties 13:00 Muddling Through 13:30 Hugo 14:00 Surprise Garden 14:30 Six in the Spring (rpt) 14:40 The Heart 15:15 Power Rangers 15:45 Sweet Valley High 16:15 Family Ties 16:50 Family Ties 17:30 Muddling Through 18:00 Hugo (rpt) 18:30 Alvin and the Chipmunks 19:00 Detective Boogie 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married With Children 20:25 Step By Step 20:50 My Big Brother Jack 21:20 Cheers

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STAR PLUS

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10:30 PGA Golf Tournament, Final Round (rpt) 12:30 Figure Skating: Women's World Cup Finals (rpt) 14:30 Sports Magazine 15:00 Boxing 16:00 ATP Tennis, Lipton Tournament 18:00 Figure skating (rpt) 19:00 ATP Tennis, Lipton Tournament – Ive 22:55 Sports News Butletin 23:00 Fast World – Motor Sport Magazine 00:50 Eurosport Magazine 1:00 Eurogoals 2:00 Eurogoal

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E SECOND SHOWING (5)

- Sumealist tala of a woman who is courted by twin brothers whose wives were killed in the same accident that crippled her. (111 mins.) 23:55 The Farmer's Daughter (1947) - A young Swedish woman falls in love with her boss, and runs against him for Congress. Starring Loretta Young and Joseph Cotten. (93 mins.)

DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Geraldo Rivera Live 7:00 Best of the Selina Scott Show 8:00 Europe 2000 8:30 ITN News 9:00 The Today

The Lerry Saunders Show - comedy 13:00 The Bridge on the River Kwai (1957) - WWI POWs in Burma build (1957) - WWII POWs in Burna build a bridge, while an Aliect special unit prepares to blow it up. Starting Alec Guinoess, William, Holden, Jack Hawkinss, 154 mins, 15745. The Sting-"(1973)"="Two con-tiper set up" and enemy. Starting Paul Newman and Robert Rectord. (123 mins.) 17:55 Out of Africa (1985) - Based on the real-life story of Danish author Karen Bloxen, who may her husband's coffee planta-

haunting tale of a deaf woman who arrives in New Zealand with her daughter and a piano for an arranged marriage. Staming Holly Hunter, Anna Paquin, Sam Neil and Harvey Keitel 23:05 Unforgiven (1992) – Western, starring and directed by Clint Eastwood. With Morgan Freeman and Gene Hackman. (125 mins.) 1:15 My Left Foot (1989) – Irish poet and artist Christy Brown, and his struggle with cerebral palsy. Starring Damiel Day-Lewis. (98 mins.) 2:55 Guest of Honor – Whoopi Goldberg 4:00 1996 Oscar Ceremony – Live broadcast of the Ceremony - Live broadcast of the Academy Awards direct from Los Angeles.

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Saturday at the Jerusalem Sherover Theatre, and

TELEVISION

the Oscars will begio at 4 a.m. The good news is that the top awards won't be given out until around 7 a.m., so you can get up a bit early to watch them, rather than stay up all night. The bad news is that, while the broadcast from the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion will be live, so will the commentary from Guy Pines and Sharon

being held at the Mann Auditorium for all the hysteria they're generating over at the Movie Channel. We're usually lucky to get one decent, station is hosting an orgy of quality movies.

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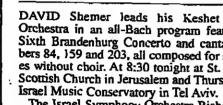
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Cantor in a Tel Aviv studio.

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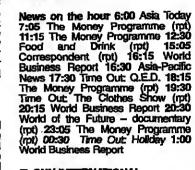
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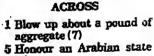
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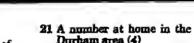
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Police official: We're not doing enough against terror

BILL HUTMAN

A SENIOR police officer caused waves yesterday when he called on the government to delay implementing the peace accords with the Palestinians and said Israel is not doing enough to fight terror. The Palestinian Authority is

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oot keeping its parts of the agree-ments," Cmdr. Alec Ron, chief of the Judea and Samaria Police District, told reporters after a press cooference called to review the district's operations.

Among the violations Ron cited were the Palestinian Police's activity in Area B and its movement in Area C without coordination with Israel. Israeli security forces are supposed to be the sole operators in those two areas, Ron said.

"We should hold up implementation of the agreements" until the PA starts abiding by them, Ron said.

In reaction to Ron's comments, Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal ordered Insp.-Gen. Assaf Hefetz to review exactly what was said to determine if Ron had spoken out of line.

According to Shahal, police officers are not supposed to publicly express views on government policy.

Ron, who has served in a number of senior posts, including Jerusalem Border police chief, has been Judea and Samaria commander since the district was established about 18 months ago. He is also a member of the special antiterror committee, headed by General Security Service chief Ami Ayalon, which the government set

TNUVA and the Postal Authority are behaving like an about-to-be divorced couple slinging accusations in front of a rabbinical court judge,

Each blames the other for the chaotic

handling of the free-flatware offer

that was supposed to make the public

love Thuva's white cheese and inci-

up after the Dizengoff bombing. We are not taking strong enough action against terror ... I mean all of us, myself included, and the others that are dealing with the problem," Ron said.

This is not the place to bring up all the possible ways of dealing with the terrorists." he said, adding that he supports deportation of terrorists and demolishing their homes

"Why did we wait until oow to start blowing up houses?" Ron asked.

"There is a proper way [to deal with terror] and steps that can be taken ... We can't just wake up one morning and start doing things" in reaction to terror attacks, instead of taking preventive action in advance, he said.

Ron emphasized there is no foolproof response to terror, but that preventive measures can go a long way in containing it. The redeployment has particularly hurt the security forces efforts to prevent attacks, because of the difficulty it caused in gathering intelligence, he said.

Some 1,250 policemen are serving in the Judea and Samaria district, more than twice as many as served in the territories just over a

year ago. Ron said cooperation with the Palestinian Police on criminal cases is good, but that in the war on terror the Palestinian security forces are not working together with their Israeli counterparts as much as they could.

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Two months ago, Tnuva's public

relations experts suggested offering

the public a 16-piece set of stainless

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after the silicone-milk scandal.

YESTERDAY'S rain was welcomed by farmers and those in charge of the country's water resources as a belated blessing, after the below average precipitation this winter. Farmers said recent rains had helped save wheat and other

Spring might be just around the corner, but the weather throughout most of the country yesterday was pure winter, with snow on Mt. Hermon and a mixture of rain, hail, and thunderstorms elsewhere.

The meteorological service said snow was expected to fall on Golan and Galilee peaks last night, and that the stormy weather would continue today before dying out tomorrow.

50,000 such gifts would be needed.

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bringing them to their nearest post

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were smelly and dirty from old cheese," reported Cigal Galil, the

DAVID RUDGE

Winter rains save wheat crop

The hailstorms were heavy in places, making driving conditions difficult. Long traffic jams were reported on several main roads, including the Coastal Highway, and in the Tel Aviv region. "There is a strong flow into the Kinneret, which has risen three centimeters since the end of last week," said Shlomo Bahaloul, deputy director of the Lake Kinneret Authority.

"If the rain continues as forecast, it will help raise the level of water in the lake. although it would need another two weeks of such rain to see it full."

Mekorot officials said the level of water yes-

terday was 1.22 meters below maximum. They said there was a good chance that the water level would break through one meter below maximum before the start of summer, although it would still be necessary to conserve water and cut quotas of fresh water for irrigation.

The weather was also welcomed by management of the Mt. Hermon ski site which had been closed for skiing due to insufficient snow. They had expected the season to be over. Instead, the sile was closed yesterday because of snowstorms.

Manager Eli Sagron was hopeful that there would be enough snow on the slopes to reopen for skiing, as well as for the expected influx of visitors over Pessah.

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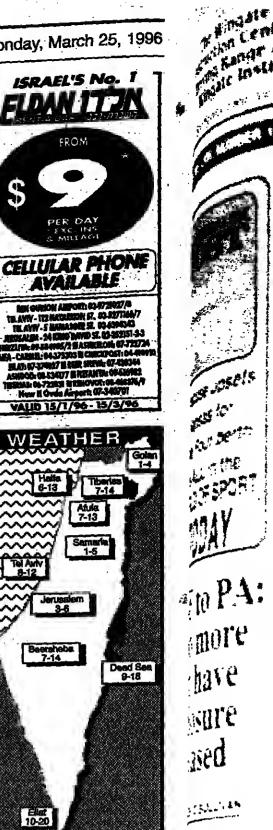
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Tourism Minister Uzi Baram shakes hands with Dr. Rabel Edto, deputy director of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, before being discharged yesterday after a few days of observation in the cardlology department. Baram had been admitted complaining of weak-(Hezi Hojesta)



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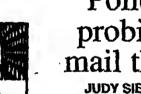
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TWO freelance postal workers did "overtime" on Shabbat, gaining access to Jerusalem's central sorting station in Givat Shaul by duplicating keys so that they could steal mail and packages. The Postal Authority, whose security branch caught one of them with the pilfered items, filed a complaint with the police. The two suspects had been working as sorters at night for a contracting company that provides manpower services to the Postal Authority: one was fired recently. On Saturday morning, security workers caught the other suspect in a vehicle with packages and envelopes containing objects of value.

He was questioned by police G that day and fired immediately: The second man was called in for questioning yesterday. The police searched their homes and found stolen packages and other mail.

Postal Authority spokeswoman Cigal Galil said the security branch went into action afterreceiving a number of com-plaints about missing packages and letters at the sorting station.

and letters at the sorting station. "We regard the matter as very's serious and will do all we can to prevent such thievery in the future." sole said, adding that the maximum punishment for steal-ing postal items is seven years'-imprisonment.

imprisonment. Galil said that due to difficulties in getting Postal Authority staffers to work late at night, it has had to use manpower agen-cies to supply workers. "We won't be able to manage

without getting workers from contracting companies, but, as a result of this incident, we will examine our policy and institute stricter controls on these workers.'

Galil added that the stolen goods that can be identified will be returned to their rightful Owner.

"We recommend insuring valuables sent by mail," she said, "Anything sent by registered mail is automatically insured for up to NIS 350."